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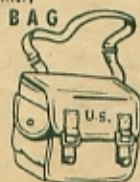
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BANG! BANG!

HE CAN'T! HARRY! LEAVE THAT PLUNGER ALONE! WE'RE SITTING ON THE DYNAMITE, TOO!

HERE'S WHERE I GIT RID OF GRIMSBY AND THE BLACK DIAMOND BOTH AT THE SAME TIME!

GREED! THAT GREAT, GRINNING, GRUESOME DEMON, MORE HORRIBLE THAN ANY BARBARIC GOD, DEMANDING HUMAN SACRIFICE IN EXCHANGE FOR ITS FAVORS! YES, GREED WAS TAD GRIMSBY'S GOD, AND HE SPREAD ITS GOSPEL AMONG THE SILVER-HUNGRY WOLF PACKS THAT ROAMED THE WILDERNESS IN SEARCH OF QUICK RICHES! IT WAS ONLY WHEN GRIMSBY STUMBLED UPON THE STRIKE OF THE CENTURY THAT HE DISCOVERED HE HAD TAUGHT HIS GOSPEL OF GREED TOO WELL!

AL LUSTER

WELL, BUMPER, SOON AS WE HIT BROWNVILLE WE'LL HAVE SOME VITTLES! THEN I WANT TO STOP IN AT LAND AGENT MARKEY'S OFFICE FOR A WHILE! WE MIGHT AS WELL STAY IN BROWNVILLE TONIGHT!

ALL I CAN THINK OF NOW IS A BIG, HOT MEAL! LET'S GET GOIN'!

BUT NOT FAR AWAY AT THAT MOMENT IN THE SEMI-BLACK FETID INTERIOR OF A LONG-ABANDONED SILVER MINE IN APACHE TERRITORY...

YOU GOT A GOOD SAMPLE OF THE ORE, HARRY! WHAT DO YOU THINK OF IT?

TH..THINK? WHO CAN THINK? I..I NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT, GRIMSBY! IT'S PURE SILVER!



IS THERE MORE LIKE IT HERE?

THE WHOLE MOUNTAIN'S FULL OF IT! WHEREVER YOU STICK YOUR PICK THERE'S SILVER! THIS IS WHAT CORONADO WAS LOOKING FOR WHEN HE CAME UP FROM MEXICO THREE HUNDRED YEARS AGO!



AND THIS'S WHAT I'VE BEEN TRYIN' TO FIND FOR TWENTY YEARS! THIS'S WHAT I LIED AND STOLE-YEAH, AN' KILLED FOR! AN' WHICH ONE OF YOU DIDN'T DO THE SAME? THERE'S A MILLION BUCKS IN THESE WALLS...PLEADIN' WITH US TO DIG IT OUT!

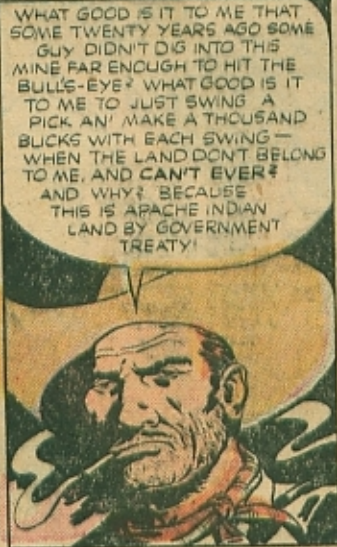
I...IT'S LIKE A DREAM, GRIMSBY! BUT IT CAN'T BE TRUE! I GUESS I JUST NEVER WOKE UP THIS MORNIN'!



I'LL WAKE YA UP!

OWWWW!

NOW PULL YOUR-SELF TOGETHER! WE GOTTA USE OUR HEADS!



WHAT GOOD IS IT TO ME THAT SOME TWENTY YEARS AGO SOME GUY DIDN'T DIG INTO THIS MINE FAR ENOUGH TO HIT THE BULL'S-EYE? WHAT GOOD IS IT TO ME TO JUST SWING A PICK AN' MAKE A THOUSAND BUCKS WITH EACH SWING—WHEN THE LAND DONT BELONG TO ME, AND CAN'T EVER? AND WHY? BECAUSE THIS IS APACHE INDIAN LAND BY GOVERNMENT TREATY!



SEE HOW YA NEED TO THINK, HARRY? YA JUST CAN'T GRAB THINGS! THE LAW WOULDN'T LIKE IT! THE GOVERNMENT WOULDN'T LIKE IT! THEM APACHES OWN THIS SILVER MINE... AND THEY DON'T EVEN KNOW IT!

THEN WHAT DO WE DO? JUST MOBEY ON LIKE WE DIDN'T KNOW A FORTUNE WAS LYIN' ALL OVER THESE HILLS?



DONT BE SILLY! I, TAD GRIMSBY WASN'T BORN THAT GENEROUS, HARRY! NEITHER WERE YOU! NEITHER WERE ALL THE SILVER PROSPECTORS THAT EVER STARVED IN THE WINTER AND WENT THIRSTY IN THE SUMMER LOOKIN' FOR THE BIG KILL! FORTUNATELY, THE GOVERNMENT TREATY DIDN'T GIVE THE APACHES THIS LAND FOREVER!

IT'S AS GOOD AS FOREVER! THEM FIVE YEAR TREATIES GET THEMSELVES RENEWED! THEN THE APACHES GET THE LAND FOR ANOTHER FIVE YEARS!



BUT WHAT IF WE SEE THAT THE GOVERNMENT DON'T RENEW THE TREATY?

YOU'RE TALKIN' CRAZY, GRIMSBY! HOW CAN WE STOP THE GOVERNMENT?



THAT'S EASY! BY STOPPIN' THE MESSENGER CARRYIN' THE TREATY! IF THE TREATY AIN'T RENEWED, THEN WE CAN START DIGGIN' UP APACHE TERRITORY BECAUSE THERE WON'T BE NO LAW THAT SAYS WE CAN'T!

BUT WE'LL HAVE AN INDIAN WAR ON OUR HANDS!



SURE! THE BEST THING THAT COULD HAPPEN! THE APACHES WILL MAKE SO MUCH TROUBLE THEY'LL NEVER GET ANOTHER PIECE OF LAND AGAIN! BE SIDES, AIN'T SILVER LIKE THIS WORTH FIGHTIN' A WAR ABOUT?



WHAT'S GRIMSBY AN' HARRY DOIN' SO LONG INSIDE? WHAT'S ALL THE GABBIN' ABOUT? A BLIND MAN CAN SEE THE GROUND'S CRAWLIN' WITH SILVER!

SURE! BUT WE JUST CAN'T DIG THE ORE OUT LIKE THE LAND WAS OURS!

HEY, LOOK! APACHES!



TELL GRIMSBY TO COME OUT! WE GOT RED-SKIN VISITORS!

STAY WHERE YOU ARE, INJUN! WHAT DO YA WANT AROUND HERE?

THAT IS QUESTION WE ASK YOU! THIS LAND IS OURS! THE GREAT WHITE FATHER IN WASHINGTON GAVE IT TO US! WE STAY—YOU GO AWAY!



SAY IT ALL YA LIKE, INJUN! WE AIN'T MOVIN'! WE TOOK A FANCY TO THIS PIECE OF LAND!

THIS IS INJUN LAND! WE SIGN TREATY WITH ARMY! WHEN MESSENGER COME WITH NEW TREATY, WE TELL HIM YOU BAD MEN WHO COME TO STEAL OUR LAND!

NOT SO FAST, CHIEF! YOU SAY MESSENGER FROM GREAT WHITE FATHER IN WASHINGTON—HE COME BRING YOU NEW TREATY? WHEN HE COME?



THIS NOT YOUR BUSINESS! THIS INJUN BUSINESS! COME, WE GO! WE TELL ARMY SOLDIERS—THEY FIX YOU GOOD!

DON'T GO YET, CHIEF! I AIN'T FINISHED! YOU AIN'T ANSWERED MY QUESTION! WHEN'S THE MESSENGER ARRIVIN'? HOW? BY HOSS OR BY STAGE? WHOS WITH HIM? START TALKIN', OR I START SHOOTIN'!



THESE MEN ARE EVIL! THEY PLAN TERRIBLE THINGS! RUN, MY BRAVES, RUN!

AFTER 'EM! DON'T LET 'EM GET AWAY—ESPECIALLY THE CHIEF! HE KNOWS SOMETHIN' I GOTTA KNOW!

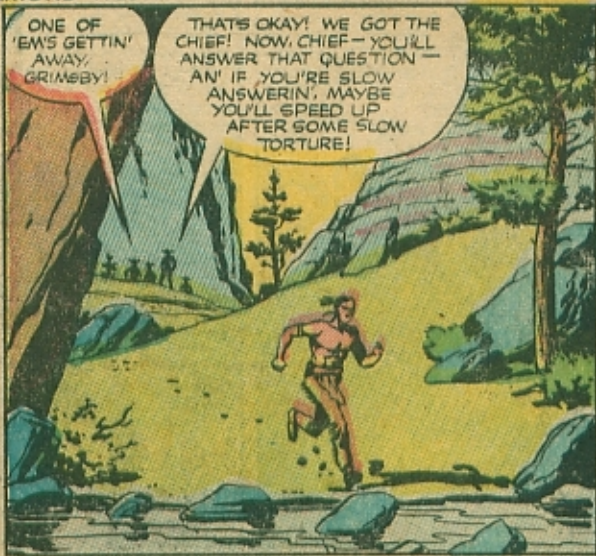
HERE'S ONE WAY THEY WON'T GET FAR! LET 'EM HAVE IT IN THE LEGS!



YOH FOOL! I DIDN'T SAY KILL 'EM! HOW MUCH CAN A DEAD MAN SAY! JUST WOUND 'EM AN' MAKE 'EM TALK! THE KILLIN' CAN COME AFTERWARDS!

GRIMSBY'S RIGHT! JUST STOP 'EM!

NO! D.D. DO NOT SHOOT ANY MORE! WE GIVE UP!



ONE OF 'EM'S GETTIN' AWAY, GRIMSBY!

THAT'S OKAY! WE GOT THE CHIEF! NOW, CHIEF—YOU'LL ANSWER THAT QUESTION—AN' IF YOU'RE SLOW ANSWERIN', MAYBE YOU'LL SPEED UP AFTER SOME SLOW TORTURE!



THE CHIEF'S A STUBBORN OLD GEEZER! WE BEEN TORTURIN' HIM FOR AN HOUR AN' HE STILL WON'T TALK!

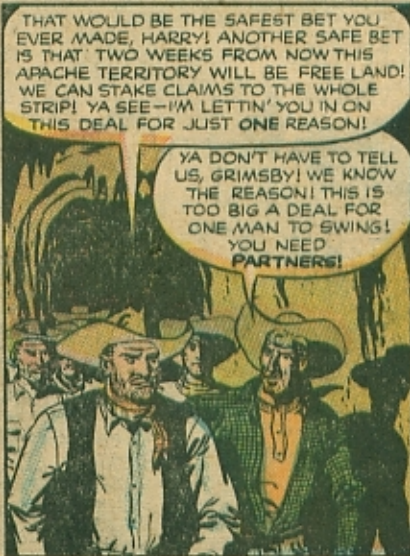
STOP! PLEASE! I CANNOT SEE MY CHIEF TORTURED! I WILL TELL ALL! LET HIM GO!

I KNEW ONE OF YOU'D CRACK! OKAY, INJUN, TALK UP! WHO'S THE MESSENGER?



OKAY, NOW WE KNOW! THE MESSENGER'S NAME IS DAVIS; HE'S GOT ONE BODYGUARD NAMED JANSON! HE'LL BE AT LAND AGENT MARKEY'S OFFICE TOMORROW AT NOON! MEANIN' HE'LL BE ON THE MID-NIGHT STAGE TO BROWNVILLE TONIGHT!

SOMETHIN' TELLS ME DAVIS'LL NEVER GET TO BROWNVILLE!



THAT WOULD BE THE SAFEST BET YOU EVER MADE, HARRY! ANOTHER SAFE BET IS THAT TWO WEEKS FROM NOW THIS APACHE TERRITORY WILL BE FREE LAND! WE CAN STAKE CLAIMS TO THE WHOLE STRIP! YA SEE—I'M LETTIN' YOU IN ON THIS DEAL FOR JUST ONE REASON!

YA DON'T HAVE TO TELL US, GRIMSBY! WE KNOW THE REASON! THIS IS TOO BIG A DEAL FOR ONE MAN TO SWING! YOU NEED PARTNERS!



PARTNERS! THIS LAND IS MINE! I DISCOVERED IT—AND NO SILVER-LOVIN' DOG GETS ANY PART OF IT—EXCEPT WHAT I FEEL LIKE THROWIN' AWAY! YA BETTER UNDERSTAND NOW, HARRY, SO THERE'LL BE NO TROUBLE LATER!

TROUBLE BETWEEN US? DON'T BE SILLY! I WAS ONLY KIDDIN'! I WERE YOUR GANG, HARRY! WE TAKE YOUR ORDERS—AN' WHATEVER ELSE YA WANNA GIVE US!



THAT'S BETTER, HARRY! SO LONG AS YA KNOW WHO'S BOSS, WE'LL ALL MAKE A BUCK! WHAT'D YA KNOW! IT'S STARTIN' TO RAIN! IT'LL BE A FILTHY NIGHT, TONIGHT! BAD WEATHER FOR TRAVELIN' IN A STAGECOACH!

I SEE WHAT YA MEAN, GRIMSBY!

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THAT NIGHT, WITH A RAGING STORM OUTSIDE, LAND AGENT MARKEY ENTERTAINS TWO VISITORS IN HIS OFFICE...



THE STORM'S GETTING WORSE, DIAMOND!

GOOD! THAT INCREASES MY CHANCES OF PUTTING YOU UP! IT ISN'T OFTEN A LONELY LAND AGENT GETS SUCH DISTINGUISHED COMPANY AS THE BLACK DIAMOND!

SOME-BODY'S TAPPING AT THE DOOR, MARKEY! IT'S AN APACHE!



SLOW BEAVER— GREAT SCOTT, MAN— YOU'RE WOUNDED!

BAD MEN COME! SHOOT CHIEF AND FIVE BRAVES! I ALONE... GASP! ESCAPE!

SEE IF YOU CAN ROUND UP A DOCTOR, BUMPER, WHILE I FIND OUT WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT!



LOOKS LIKE WE CAN'T STAY OVER, MARKEY! AFTER WHAT THIS APACHE TOLD US, BUMPER AND I HAD BETTER WASTE NO TIME GETTING OVER TO LOST MOUNTAIN AND SEEING WHAT HAPPENED THERE!

BUT LOOK AT THE WEATHER! YOU CAN'T SET OUT IN THIS STORM!



I WISH THE APACHE CHIEF AND HIS BRAVES WERE AS SAFE AS WE'LL BE! SO LONG, MARKEY: BE SEEN' YA!

BE CAREFUL! IT'S A DANGEROUS TRAIL ALL THE WAY! THE WHOLE TERRITORY IS FULL OF TREACHEROUS PASSES! LOTS OF ROCK SLIDES AND CAVE-INS!



LOST MOUNTAIN... HMM... WASN'T THERE A SILVER STRIKE NEAR THERE ABOUT TWENTY YEARS AGO, BUMPER?

I REMEMBER HEARING SOMETHING LIKE THAT! SOME PROSPECTORS EVEN BUILT A MINE THERE— BUT THE VEIN RAN OUT QUICKLY! WHY-D' YA THINK SILVER HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE SHOOTING?



YES, BUMPER, I THINK THAT'S PROBABLY IT!



LATER... WELL, HERE'S LOST MOUNTAIN— AND SURE ENOUGH... THERE'S EVIDENCE OF A GUN FIGHT! LOOK AT THESE EMPTY SHELLS!

I FOUND BETTER EVIDENCE THAN THAT, DIAMOND— THERE'S FRESH GRAVES BACK THERE!



FIVE OF THEM! THAT APACHE, SLOW BEAVER, SAID THERE WERE SIX ALL TOGETHER! I DON'T RELISH THE TASK, BUMPER, BUT WE SHOULD SEE WHO'S BURIED IN THESE GRAVES!

CHECK!

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IT'S THE CHIEF!

LET'S BRING HIM UP AND PUT HIM WITH THE OTHERS! I WANT TO EXAMINE HIM!



EACH BODY TELLS A STORY, BUMPER! THREE OF THEM WERE SHOT IN THE BACK TRYING TO ESCAPE! ONE WAS SHOT IN THE HEAD, APPARENTLY AFTER BEING SUBJECTED TO TORTURE!

BUT WHY? WHAT DID THE SKUNKS WANT TO FIND OUT?



MAYBE THE TRIBE CAN TELL US THAT! LET'S HEAD FOR THE APACHE VILLAGE!

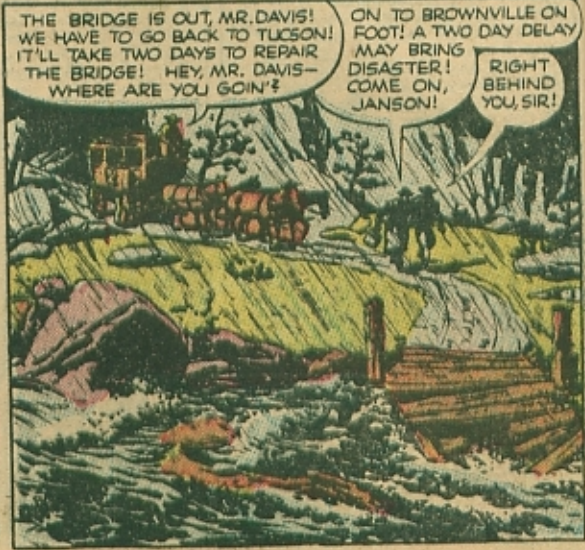
SOMEBODY'S OUT TO MAKE TROUBLE, BOB! THESE APACHES HAVE BEEN LIVING PEACEFULLY ACCORDING TO THEIR TREATY, BUT WHEN THE TRIBE HEARS ABOUT THIS, THE DRUMS WILL START BEATING!



MEANWHILE...

YOU GURE THAT STAGE IS ON THE ROAD TONIGHT, GRIMSBY? IT'S TWO HOURS OVERDUE!

WHY SHOULDN'T IT BE WITH THIS WEATHER? SHUT YOUR MOUTH AND KEEP YOUR EYES ON THAT ROAD! THE STAGE'LL BE ALONG!



THE BRIDGE IS OUT, MR. DAVIS! WE HAVE TO GO BACK TO TUCSON! IT'LL TAKE TWO DAYS TO REPAIR THE BRIDGE! HEY, MR. DAVIS—WHERE ARE YOU GOIN'?

ON TO BROWNVILLE ON FOOT! A TWO DAY DELAY MAY BRING DISASTER! COME ON, JANSON!

RIGHT BEHIND YOU, SIR!



WHAT COULD THEY BE CARRYIN' THAT'S SO IMPORTANT THAT THEY CAN'T KILL TWO DAYS IN TUCSON?

SEARCH ME! SOME GUYS ARE CRAZIER THAN BED-BUGS!

IF THE APACHES DON'T GET THEIR TREATY RENEWAL ON TIME, JANSON, UNSCRUPULOUS LAND-GRABBERS MAY PLOW UP THEIR TERRITORY AND START AN INJUN WAR!



LOOK! THERE'S TWO GUYS COMING UP THE ROAD, GRIMSBY! ONE OF 'EM'S CARRYIN' A BIG POUCH LIKE A PONY EXPRESS MESSENGER!

MAYBE SOMETHIN' KEPT THE STAGE FROM COMIN' THROUGH! LET'S GO DOWN AN' HAVE A LOOK!

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HEY, YOU—
WITH THE
MESSENGER
POUCH! WHAT'S
YOUR
NAME?

DAVIS!
WHY
DO YOU
ASK?

LOOK
OUT, DAVIS!
THEY'RE
GOING FOR
THEIR
GUNS!

THEY KNEW WHO YOU WERE, DAVIS!
THEY WERE EXPECTING YOU! WHAT
WERE THEY AFTER?

OH, OH, THEY
GOT DAVIS! I'M
MAKING A BREAK
FOR IT!

GET
THE BODY-
GUARD!
DON'T LET
HIM GET
AWAY!



I THINK
WE HIT
HIM,
HARRY!

BUT HE'S STILL MOVIN'!
WE'LL NEVER FIND
HIM IN THE WOODS
AND ROCKS IN THIS
STORM! LET'S HOPE
HE DROPS DEAD!

GASP! I GOT
TO GET TO
BROWNVILLE AND
TELL MARKEY
WHAT
HAPPENED!



WHEN THIS PAPER IS DES-
TROYED, THE APACHES WILL
HAVE NO CLAIM ON THAT
LAND! TOMORROW WE MOVE
IN AN' CLAIM IT! GET EVERY
SILVER PROSPECTOR AN' BRING
'EM AROUND! THEY'LL
ALL SHARE...

WHO ARE YA KIDDIN', GRIMSBY?
BURNIN' THAT TREATY MEANS
INJUN WAR! YA DON'T WANNA
SHARE! YA WANT SUCKERS
TO FIGHT THE APACHES OFF
FOR YA— TO PROTECT
YOUR PROPERTY!



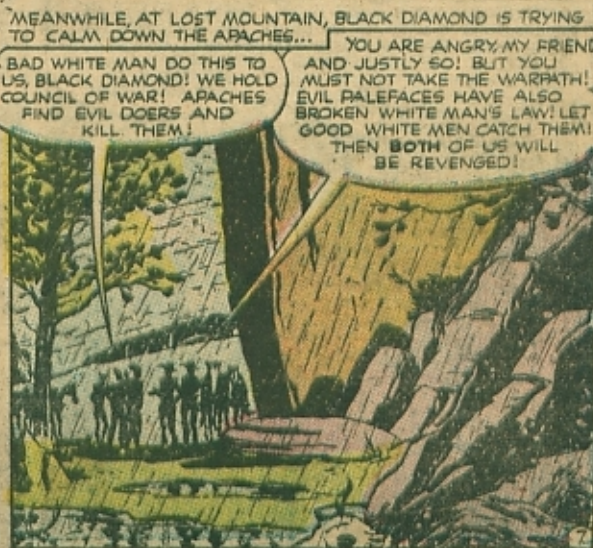
YA GOT ME WRONG LIKE
USUAL, HARRY! HERE'S THE
DEAL I'M OFFERIN' YOU—FIFTY
PER CENT, TEN PER CENT FOR
YOU AN' FORTY PER CENT
SPLIT BETWEEN ALL THE
REST— SURPRISED?

YEAH, PLENTY!
BUT SUPPOSE YA
DO MEAN WHAT YA
SAY ABOUT THE SPLIT—
HOWLL WE KEEP THE
LAND? I AIN'T RE-
FERRIN' TO INJUNS,
I MEAN
THE LAW!



WHEN THE APACHES TAKE THE
WARPATH, THEY WON'T ONLY
HUNT OUR HEADS! THEY'LL
RAID THE SETTLEMENTS! IN THE
MIX-UP, EVERYBODY'LL FORGET
ABOUT THE TREATY AND
CONCENTRATE ON KILLIN'
APACHES!

THAT'S IF
THE INJUNS
GET NO GOOD
ADVICE! IF
THEY BEHAVE
THEMSELVES
WE'RE
SUNK!



MEANWHILE, AT LOST MOUNTAIN, BLACK DIAMOND IS TRYING
TO CALM DOWN THE APACHES...

BAD WHITE MAN DO THIS TO
US, BLACK DIAMOND! WE HOLD
COUNCIL OF WAR! APACHES
FIND EVIL DOERS AND
KILL THEM!

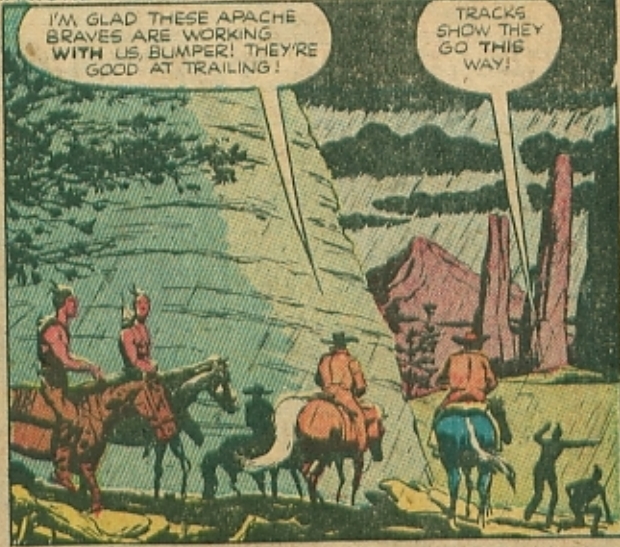
YOU ARE ANGRY, MY FRIEND,
AND JUSTLY SO! BUT YOU
MUST NOT TAKE THE WARPATH!
EVIL PALEFACES HAVE ALSO
BROKEN WHITE MAN'S LAW! LET
GOOD WHITE MEN CATCH THEM!
THEN BOTH OF US WILL
BE REVENGED!

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WE BELIEVE YOU, BLACK DIAMOND! APACHES GO WITH WHITE MEN! APACHES HELP!

OKAY—I'LL TAKE ALONG A HALF DOZEN WARRIORS! TOGETHER WE WILL TRACK DOWN THE MURDERERS!



I'M GLAD THESE APACHE BRAVES ARE WORKING WITH US, BUMPER! THEY'RE GOOD AT TRAILING!

TRACKS SHOW THEY GO THIS WAY!

AS DAWN BREAKS OVER THE DRENCHED BASIN COUNTRY...



?YAWN! THIS TRACKING ALL NIGHT THROUGH WET COUNTRY IS TIRING, DIAMOND!

BUMPER! THE APACHES HAVE DISCOVERED SOMETHING! IT'S A MAN—HE LOOKS HURT!

QUICK! I, I CAN'T HOLD OUT MUCH LONGER!



SOME OUTLAWS JUMPED US! THEY G. GOT DAVIS AND THE TREATY! HE WAS DELIVERING TO MR. M. MARKEY! GASP! IN BROWNVILLE! IF IT ISN'T DELIVERED BY TOMORROW, THE APACHES WON'T OWN THEIR OWN T. TERRITORY!



HE'S DEAD, DIAMOND! I'LL BET THE SAME SKUNKS THAT GOT THE APACHE CHIEF GOT HIM!

THEY WOULDN'T BE INTERESTED IN JUST LAND! IT MUST BE SOMETHING ELSE THEY'RE AFTER!

LOST MOUNTAIN, MAYBE!



THAT COULD BE IT, BUMPER! TROUBLE FIRST SPRANG UP BECAUSE THESE RATS WERE HANGING AROUND THE ABANDONED SILVER MINE AT LOST MOUNTAIN! MAYBE THE OLD SILVER DIGGINGS WEREN'T EXHAUSTED?

THEN IF SILVER IS THE ANSWER, THE SKUNKS ARE BOUND TO RETURN! LET'S GET BACK TO LOST MOUNTAIN!



LATER, AT LOST MOUNTAIN...

HMM...AS LONG AS NOBODY'S SHOWED UP YET, WE'LL LEAVE A GUARD OUTSIDE AND POKE AROUND INSIDE!

BE CAREFUL, DIAMOND! APACHE LEGEND WARNS OF MANY WAYS TO DIE INSIDE LOST MOUNTAIN!

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MANY THOUSANDS OF MOONS AGO, THIS LAND KNEW MANY EARTHQUAKES—EARTH FULL OF TUNNELS—UNDERGROUND RIVERS—WHEN EARTH MOVES, HOLES OPEN UP! MANY APACHE DIE! OLD MEN OF TRIBE TELL OF BRAVES WHO HAVE SEEN UNDERGROUND RIVERS!

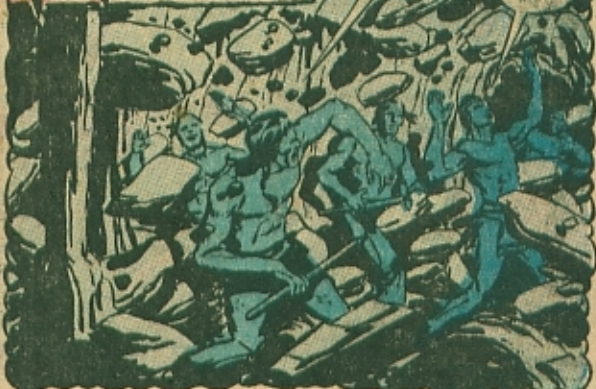
THAT'S WHAT MARKEY SAID LAST NIGHT, TOO!



COUNTLESS MOONS AGO, GREEDY BRAVES DISOBEY MEDICINE MEN! THEY WENT TO DIG IN EARTH FOR SILVER! SUDDENLY, EARTH MOVE—WALLS MOVE...

THE MOUNTAIN FALLS IN UPON US! RUN! RUN! AIEEE!

AHH...



APACHES NEVER FOUND THESE GREEDY BRAVES AGAIN! SOMEWHERE IN MOUNTAIN LIE THEIR BONES, NEVER TO BE SEEN AGAIN—THEREFORE THE NAME, LOST MOUNTAIN!

OTHER GREEDY MEN WERE BUSY HERE! LOOK AT THOSE LOOK, BUMPER—THIS IS WHAT THEY WERE AFTER! WALLS OF SOLID SILVER!

MEANWHILE, ON A HIGH APPROACH OVERLOOKING THE LOST MOUNTAIN MINE...

THERE AIN'T NO DOUBT OF IT, GRIMSBY! THERE'S ONLY ONE PALOMINO PONY LIKE THAT IN THE WEST—BLACK DIAMOND'S HORSE, RELIAPON!

I'LL PICK OFF THEM APACHE GUARDS! THEN WE'LL TAKE CARE OF BLACK DIAMOND!

WE BETTER BLOW UP THE ENTRANCE AND SEAL THEM IN! THEY CAN'T HEAR OUR SHOTS FROM INSIDE THE MINE!



WAIT, GRIMSBY! WHAT ABOUT THE SILVER? IT'LL TAKE MONTHS OF DIGGING TO GET INSIDE THE MINE AGAIN IF YOU BLOW THE WALLS IN!

WE'LL NEVER GET THE SILVER IF WE DON'T GET RID OF THE BLACK DIAMOND!

QUICK, GRIMSBY! VOICES ARE COMING OFF THE SHAFT!

CHUCK IN A LOAD OF DYNAMITE, HARRY! THAT'LL KEEP 'EM BOTTLED UP TILL I CAN BLOW THE ROOF IN!

I HOPE YA KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOIN', GRIMSBY! IT DON'T MAKE SENSE TO ME!

HARRY! QUICK—THEY'RE COMIN' CLOSER!



BLACK DIAMOND WESTERN



THEY'RE THROWIN' DYNAMITE! GET BACK, QUICK! THE KILLERS ARE OUTSIDE!

HISSESSSSSSSS



THE DIRTY... LET'S GET 'EM!

NO, BUMPER, THEY MAY HAVE MORE DYNAMITE! GET WAY BACK INTO THE MINE!

BOOM!



YOU WERE RIGHT, DIAMOND! THE WHOLE FRONT IS CAVED IN! WE'LL NEVER DIG OUR WAY OUT NOW! WE'RE TRAPPED!

NOT YET, BUMPER! LET'S FIND OUT IF THOSE OLD APACHE LEGENDS ARE TRUE! IF WE CAN FIND THOSE UNDERGROUND RIVERS—WAIT! DO YOU HEAR THAT GURLING SOUND BEHIND THE WALL? IT SOUNDS LIKE WATER!

BOOM!



YA GONNA DO MORE BLASTIN' GRIMSBY? HAVE YOU GONE LOCO? YOU'RE TURNIN' THIS SILVER MINE INTO A PILE OF FALLEN ROCKS!

YOU'RE A FOOL, HARRY! THE WHOLE MOUNTAIN'S FULL OF SILVER! WE'LL DIG ANOTHER MINE! WE'LL DIG TEN MINES, BUT WE GOTTA BE SURE THE BLACK DIAMOND'S DEAD! LET'S GET SOME OF THE DYNAMITE UP THE MOUNTAIN!



IF THE BLACK DIAMOND AINT DEAD ALREADY, THIS BLAST WILL BRING THE WHOLE MINE DOWN ON HIM! HARRY, GET READY WITH THAT PLUNGER!

YA KNOW, CRAZY JIM—GRIMSBY'S GONE BESERK! THIS ISN'T GONNA WORK OUT! I GOT AN IDEA!

I THINK I KNOW WHAT YA MEAN..



...IF THAT DYNAMITE CHARGE SHOULD GO QUICK LIKE...WHILE GRIMSBY WAS STILL SINKIN! THE DYNAMITE...

YOU'RE RIGHT! THAT'S WHAT I WAS THINKIN', TOO, HARRY!



MEANWHILE DEEP UNDER LOST MOUNTAIN...

THAT WAS WATER YOU HEARD, DIAMOND! IT'S AN UNDERGROUND RIVER!

WE'LL SWIM IT! MAYBE WE CAN REACH AN EXIT! KEEP YOUR GUNBELT HIGH, BUMPER! KEEP THAT TORCH UP, TOO, SO WE CAN SEE WHERE WE'RE SWIMMING!



THOSE INJUN LEGENDS WERE TRUE, DIAMOND!

WE'D NEVER HAVE PROVED IT, IF THE RATS HADN'T EXPLODED THE DYNAMITE AND RIPPED PART OF THE CONCEALING WALL AWAY, BUMPER! LOOK UP AHEAD! I CAN SEE LIGHT!

BLACK DIAMOND WESTERN



WE MADE IT! WE'RE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF LOST MOUNTAIN! IT'S A MIRACLE! WHAT NOW, DIAMOND?

WE'LL CIRCLE BACK AROUND THE MOUNTAIN SIDE AND SURPRISE THE DEVILS FROM BEHIND!



LOOK-DIAMOND! IT'S GRIMSBY, THAT DIRTY CLAIM JUMPER! DON'T BOTHER WITH ANY MORE DYNAMITE, TAD! ALL YOU'LL DO IS KILL CHANCES OF DIGGING OUT SILVER!

G..GRIMSBY! IT'S THE BLACK DIAMOND!

DON'T STAND THERE, YA GREASE TAILS! GUN HIM!



HEY, HARRY--THE BLACK DIAMOND ESCAPED! FORGET THE PLUNGER AN' COME UP HERE!

HOLD IT, BUMPER! THIS WHOLE SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN IS SEEDED WITH DYNAMITE! HARRY MIGHT TAKE IT INTO HIS HEAD TO KILL GRIMSBY, SO LET'S GET OUT OF HERE, PRONTO!



AN INSTANT LATER...

SORRY, GRIMSBY, BUT HERE'S WHERE I TAKE CARE OF YOU AND BLACK DIAMOND! HAVE A NICE RIDE UPWARDS!



GREAT SCOTT! THAT CHARGE CAVED IN HALF THE MOUNTAIN AND GRIMSBY WITH IT!

FORGET GRIMSBY! WE'VE STILL GOT THESE OTHER HYENAS TO CONTEND WITH!



HEY--THE BLACK DIAMOND GOT THROUGH THE BLAST! BUT I'LL STOP HIM... AGHHH...



D..DON'T SHOOT ANY MORE! WE'RE THROWIN' OUR GUNS AWAY!

YOU SEE, RED BRETHREN? WE KEPT OUR PROMISE! THE WARPATH WAS NOT NECESSARY!

THE BLACK DIAMOND SPEAKS THE TRUTH! VENGEANCE IS OURS, AND THE KILLER, GRIMSBY BELONGS TO THE MOUNTAIN HE SOUGHT TO ROB!



BUT THE APACHE BRAVE SPOKE TRUER WORDS THAN HE KNEW, FOR THE EXPLOSION DROPPED GRIMSBY AND ANOTHER WHO SURVIVED THE BLAST INTO A MUSTY CHAMBER FORMED MANY CENTURIES AGO BY THE SHIFTINGS OF AN ANGRY MOUNTAIN!

G..GRIMSBY--LOOK! SKELETONS--THEY MUST BE INJUNS--AN' LOOK AT THOSE DIGGIN' TOOLS! THE APACHES MUST'VE BEEN TRAPPED HERE HUNDREDS OF YEARS AGO--LIKE WE ARE NOW!

WE'RE TRAPPED HERE I..IN A SILVER TOMB! SOB! WE'RE LOST! L..LOST! WHEN WE COULD'VE BEEN MILLIONAIRES!

the END!

QUICK

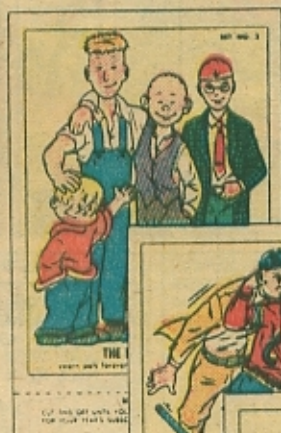
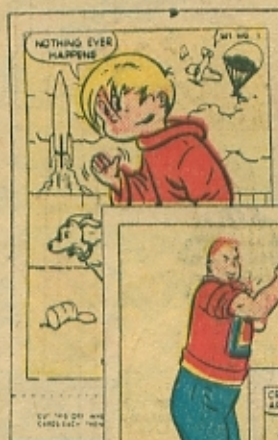
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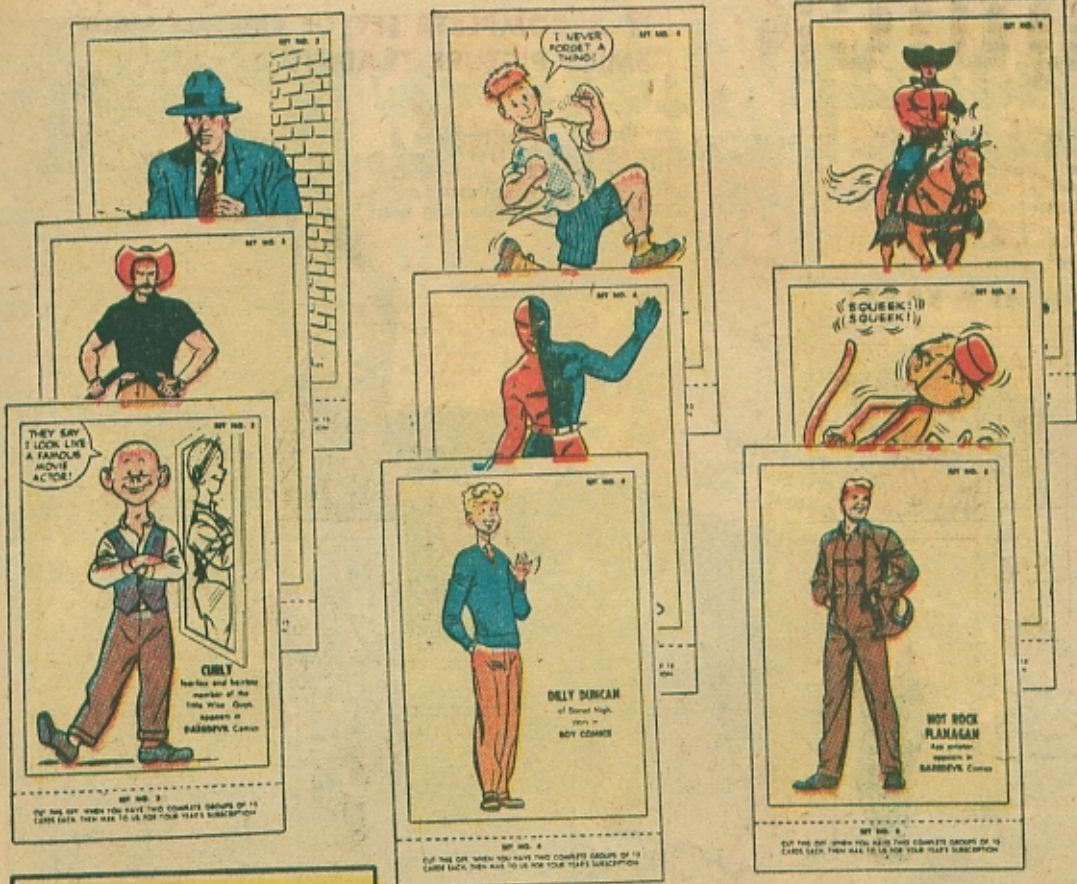
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I CAN'T GET ONTO THE ICE, BLACK DIAMOND! IT KEEPS BREAKING OFF! I'M SINKING!

HANG ON, BUMPER! WE'VE GOTTEN OUT OF WORSE SPOTS THAN THIS!

THIS IS THE END OF THE BLACK DIAMOND!



Dick Rockwell

OUR STORY OPENS IN THE TERRITORY OF MONTANA, IN THE DEAD OF WINTER...

I HATE TO SAY, I TOLD YOU SO, BUMPER... BUT I SMELLED THIS BLIZZARD COMING! NOW WE'RE IN FOR IT!

IT'S ALL MY FAULT, DIAMOND! IT WAS MY IDEA TO TAKE THIS MOUNTAIN SHORT CUT! IT SNOWS UP HERE ALL YEAR 'ROUND AND WE KNEW IT!



BLACK DIAMOND WESTERN



HOLD UP, BUMPER— DID YOU HEAR A SHOT?

YEAH, BUT DARNED IF I CAN MAKE OUT WHERE IT CAME FROM! I CAN'T SEE A THING THROUGH THIS BLIZZARD!

BANG!



THERE'S TWO MORE SHOTS! WHO'S IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD, ANYWAY— INDIANS?

POSSIBLY! I KNOW THE BLACKFOOT TRIBE IS SOMEWHERE IN THIS REGION!

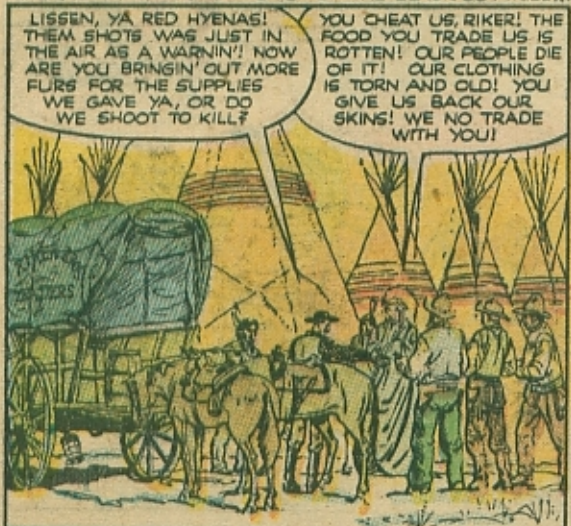


HEY, BUMPER— I SMELL A CAMP FIRE! LOOK—THERE'S A SETTLEMENT AHEAD!

...AND PROBABLY TROUBLE! THE SHOTS SEEM TO BE COMING FROM THAT DIRECTION!

BANG!
BANG!

MEANWHILE UP AHEAD, AN UNSCRUPULOUS TRADER, BUCK RIKER, IS THREATENING A CHIEF OF THE BLACKFOOT TRIBE...



LISSEN, YA RED HYENAS! THEM SHOTS WAS JUST IN THE AIR AS A WARNIN'! NOW ARE YOU BRINGIN' OUT MORE FURS FOR THE SUPPLIES WE GAVE YA, OR DO WE SHOOT TO KILL?

YOU CHEAT US, RIKER! THE FOOD YOU TRADE US IS ROTTEN! OUR PEOPLE DIE OF IT! OUR CLOTHING IS TORN AND OLD! YOU GIVE US BACK OUR SKINS! WE NO TRADE WITH YOU!

ONE OF RIKER'S MEN LOSES HIS HEAD, AND...



I'M GETTIN' SICK OF ARGUIN' WITH THEM INJUNS! THEY DON'T UNDERSTAND TALKIN'! WHAT THEY UNDERSTAND IS BULLETS! BLAST THE COYOTES AN' THEY'LL COME RUNNIN' WITH THEIR SKINS!

OH-HH-

LOCO! YOU HOT-HEADED GREASE-BALL! YOU'VE GOT 'EM CRAZY NOW! THEY'LL NEVER LISTEN TO REASON! LET'S GET MOVIN' QUICK!

THEY KILL OUR BROTHER! THEY ARE MURDERERS!



RUN FOR GUNS! WE FOLLOW WHITE MURDERERS!

YUH LAME-BRAINED COYOTE! CAN'T YOU GET ANY MORE SPEED OUTTA THEM NAGS?

I'M DOIN' MY BEST, RIKER! IT'S LOCO'S FAULT! HE SHOULDN'T HAVE OPENED FIRE ON THEM!



WHATTAYA MEAN, MY FAULT—IT'S BUCK'S FAULT! HE WAS TRYIN' TO SQUEEZE THE LAST SKIN OUTTA THEM, WHEN HE KNEW THEY WAS SORE ABOUT THE SUPPLIES WE LEFT 'EM LAST MONTH!

FORGET WHOSE FAULT IT IS! WE'RE ALL IN THE POT IF WE DON'T GIVE THEM BLACKFEET THE SLIP! THEY'RE PEACE-LOVING BUT IF THEY GET ROUSED UP ABOUT ANYTHING, THEY'RE PLENTY TROUBLESOME!

BLACK DIAMOND WESTERN

A MOMENT LATER, BLACK DIAMOND AND BUMPER ARRIVE...

THERE'S BEEN PLENTY OF TROUBLE, BLACK DIAMOND! LOOK OVER THERE! DEAD! BLACKFEET!

BAD PALEFACE, RIKER, SHOOT MY BROTHERS! THEY JUST LEAVE! WE FOLLOW AND KILL THEM!

WE HEARD SHOTS! WE SEE BODIES! WE SEE WHAT HAS HAPPENED!



LISTEN TO THEM, BLACK DIAMOND! THE RIKER BROTHERS - CHEATERS, INCORPORATED - WERE JUST HERE! THE RIKERS INSISTED ON MORE SKINS! WHEN THE INDIANS REFUSED BECAUSE THE SUPPLIES WERE ROTTEN, THE SKUNKS OPENED UP ON 'EM WITHOUT WARNING!

TYPICAL RIKER STUNT! BUT YOU MUST LET THE LAW HANDLE THIS!



YOU SAY THE LAW! WHAT IS THE LAW? WHO IS IT?

I AM THE LAW, BROTHER! HERE IS MY BADGE! PALEFACE JUSTICE IS SWIFT AND SURE!

VERY WELL! YOU SHOW US! WE WAIT IN VILLAGE!

THIS MUST BE THEIR WAGON TRACKS, DIAMOND! LET'S GET STARTED!

TEN MINUTES LATER...

THEY'VE ABANDONED THEIR WAGONS! I GUESS IT WAS SLOWING THEM UP!

THERE'S A FRESH TRAIL LEADING INTO THE HILLS! THEY COULDN'T HAVE GOTTEN FAR! LET'S GO!



MEANWHILE... WE'RE HEADED IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION, JIGGER?

YES, BUCK-I KNOW THESE MOUNTAINS LIKE THE PALM OF MY HAND! LET'S CIRCLE AROUND COPPER CITY! LET'S JUST KEEP MOVING SO THOSE INJUNS WON'T CATCH UP WITH US!

YIEEEE! I'M SLIPPIN'!



LOOK, BUMPER!

IT'S ONE OF THE RIKERS! HE MUST HAVE FALLEN FROM THE LEDGE!



THE HORSE HAS TWO BUSTED LEGS! HE'S IN AGONY, DIAMOND! I'D BETTER PUT HIM OUT OF HIS MISERY!

THIS BLIZZARD HAS A BROKEN WING, TOO! BUT WE'LL SAVE HIM FOR THE HANGMAN IN COPPER CITY!

N...NO! DON'T KILL ME! HEY! BUCK! JIGGER! IT'S THE BLACK DIAMOND! HE'S GONNA KILL ME!



BLACK DIAMOND WESTERN



"THE BLACK DIAMOND! WHAT'S HE DOIN' HERE?"

"I DUNNO— BUT WE CAN'T RUSH INTO ANYTHING NOW! WE GOTTA TAKE IT EASY! LISTEN TO CHARLEY SCREAMIN' LIKE HE'S GOIN' TO GET KILLED!"

"JIGGER— PLEASE... HE'S GOIN' TO KILL ME! JIGGER! WHERE ARE YOU? JIGGER!"



"I SURE HATE SHOOTIN' A HELPLESS HORSE, BUT IT'LL SAVE HIM A LOTTA SUFFERIN'!"

"DON'T KILL ME! HELP! HELP!"

"PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER— I'M NOT GOING TO SHOOT YOU! BUT I AM BRINGING YOU INTO COPPER CITY TO STAND TRIAL!"

BANG!



"DIDJA HEAR THAT SHOT? THEY MUSTVE KILLED CHARLEY, LOO! THE BLACK DIAMOND KILLED OUR BROTHER!"

"I'M GOIN' DOWN AN' GET THE CRITTER!"

"DON'T BE A FOOL! WE CAN'T TANGLE WITH THE BLACK DIAMOND! LETS PLAY IT SMART!"



"YA HEARD CHARLEY SCREAMIN' ABOUT COPPER CITY BEFORE THEY KILLED HIM! HE MUSTVE HEARD THE BLACK DIAMOND SAY HE WAS HEADIN' THERE! WE AIN'T CLEARIN' OUTTA THIS TERRITORY TILL WE SETTLE ACCOUNTS WITH THE BLACK DIAMOND!"

"POOR CHARLEY!"



"THEY NEVER GAVE HIM A CHANCE!"

"WE'LL GIVE HIM TWO BARRELS OF BUCKSHOT IN THE BACK WITHOUT WARNIN'! IT'S TIME THE BLACK DIAMOND WAS BLOWN UP ANYWAY!"

"WE'LL REVENGE CHARLEY IF IT'S THE LAST THING WE DO! LETS GO!"



MEANWHILE...

"WE GOT ONE OF 'EM, CHIEF! WE'RE BRINGING THE POLECAT INTO COPPER CITY FOR TRIAL!"

"GREETINGS, BLACK DIAMOND! JUSTICE WILL BE DONE!"



"YES— BUT SOME OF YOUR TRIBE MUST COME INTO COPPER CITY WITH US, CHIEF. WE'LL NEED WITNESSES!"

"WE GO! BUT TONIGHT YOU STAY AS CHIEF'S GUEST! VILLAGE IS YOURS!"

"I'LL TIE THIS CRITTER TO A TREE!"

BLACK DIAMOND WESTERN



CHIEF! SNOW-SHE STOP! WE GO TO COPPER CITY NOW?

YES! HOW LONG TRIAL TAKE?

LESS THAN A DAY! THEN A QUICK EXECUTION! THERE'S NO JAILHOUSE IN COPPER CITY- AND IF A MAN'S GUILTY.

YOU WON'T HANG ME! MY BROTHERS WON'T LET YA!



US RIKERS STICK TOGETHER! WHOEVER LAYS A FINGER ON ONE... THE OTHERS GET REVENGE FOR HIM! WHOEVER HANGS ME WILL DIE!

IF YOU DESERVE HANGING, RIKER, YOU'LL GET HANGING! CHEATERS, INCORPORATED HAS BEEN LIVING ON BORROWED TIME FOR YEARS!

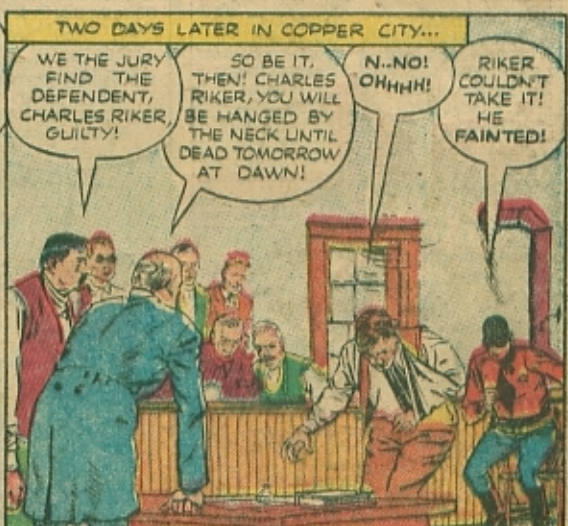


YOU'VE BROKEN EVERY LAW IN THE BOOKS! YOU'VE CHEATED AND KILLED INDIANS! YOU'VE DRY-GULCHED TRAPPERS, AND RAIDED RANCHES! YOU'VE REACHED OUT YOUR BLOODY HANDS, STOLEN WHATEVER YOU CAN, LEAVING ONLY DEATH AND DESTRUCTION BEHIND!



A HUNDRED INDIAN WITNESSES WILL TESTIFY AGAINST YOU! AS FOR YOUR BROTHERS, THEY'LL BE DANCING AT THE END OF THEIR ROPES IN GOOD TIME, TOO!

BLACK DIAMOND, L...LOOK, I WAS ONLY KIDDIN'! I... I'LL HELP THEM! I'LL HELP YOU LAY A TRAP FOR THEM! ANYTHING- ONLY DON'T HANG ME, PLEASE! DON'T HANG ME!



TWO DAYS LATER IN COPPER CITY...

WE THE JURY FIND THE DEFENDENT, CHARLES RIKER, GUILTY!

SO BE IT, THEN! CHARLES RIKER, YOU WILL BE HANGED BY THE NECK UNTIL DEAD TOMORROW AT DAWN!

N...NO! OHHHH!

RIKER COULDN'T TAKE IT! HE FAINTED!



CHARLEY RIKER DIDN'T FAINT! NOW EVERYBODY REACH AND BACK UP AGAINST THE WALL!

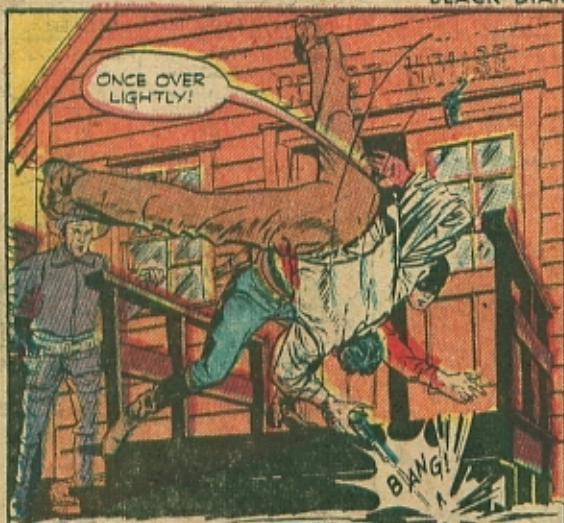
DON'T BE CRAZY, RIKER! YOU CAN'T GET AWAY WITH THIS! ONCE OUTSIDE THIS COURTROOM YOU'LL BE SHOT DOWN LIKE A RABBIT!



THEN YOU'LL GO WITH ME! DON'T NOBODY TRY TO STOP ME OR THE BLACK DIAMOND DIES!

MY LIFE ISN'T WORTH TWO CENTS ONCE THIS CUTHROAT GETS OUT OF TOWN! IT'S NOW OR NEVER!

OKAY, RIKER! LET'S GO!



ONCE OVER LIGHTLY!

BANG!



HE'S SHOOTIN' AT THE BLACK DIAMOND! QUICK— BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!

YUH DIRTY... I'LL KILL YUH, YUH CROSS... UGHHH...

BANG!

BAM!



HE'S DEAD, ALL RIGHT! LET'S HOPE HIS BROTHERS GET THE DYING HABIT SOON, TOO!

TOO BAD THESE DESPERADOES ALL WAIT TILL THEY GET TO BOOT HILL TO FIND OUT WHAT FOOLS THEY WERE!



THAT NIGHT, AS THE RIKER BROTHERS SNEAK INTO TOWN...

SEE WHAT THEY PUT ON CHARLEY'S TOMBSTONE? SHOT TO DEATH. MAY HIS THREE BROTHERS COME TO NO BETTER END. DID YA SEE THAT, BUCK?

YEAH, I'M FIGURIN' OUT A WAY TO GET EVEN! SEE THAT CHURCH OVER THERE? TOMORROW'S SUNDAY! EVERYBODY IN TOWN'LL BE INSIDE THAT CHURCH!



THE NEXT MORNING...

THEIR GUN BELTS WILL BE HANGIN' FROM PEGS WHILE THEY'LL BE PRAYIN'!

TODAY WE WILL DISCUSS THE SIXTH COMMANDMENT, 'THOU SHALT NOT KILL'...

STOP, PARSON! HAND OVER THE BLACK DIAMOND, OR WE'LL SHOOT EVERYBODY IN SIGHT!



STEADY BUMPER! DON'T DO ANYTHING FOOLISH! CAN'T YOU SEE THEY'VE OUT-SMARTED US?

A SMART FELLOW, THE BLACK DIAMOND! HE KNOWS WHEN THE DECK'S STACKED AGAINST HIM! THIS WAY, PARDNER, WITH YORE HANDS UP!

WHY, IT'S THE RIKER BROTHERS!

I'VE GOT TO PACIFY THESE THREE MAD DOGS, OR THEY'LL START A MASSACRE!



BLACK DIAMOND! THEY'LL KILL YOU!

NOT RIGHT AWAY, THOUGH! THAT WOULD BE TOO EASY ON HIM! JIGGER, TIE HIM UP!

BLACK DIAMOND WESTERN

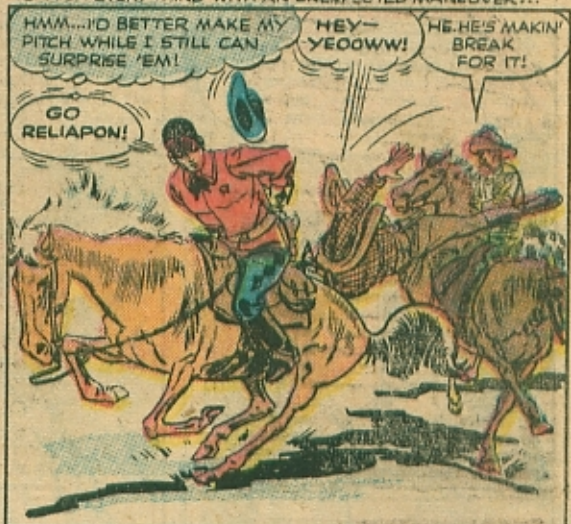
AFTER RIDING A COUPLE OF YARDS, BLACK DIAMOND DECIDES TO RISK EVERYTHING WITH AN UNEXPECTED MANEUVER...



THE BLACK DIAMOND IS DONE FOR!

LET'S HOPE YOU'RE WRONG! IT SURE LOOKS BAD FOR HIM!

WE'RE GONNA HAVE A NICE COSY AFTERNOON GETTIN' RID OF YOU, BLACK DIAMOND!



GO RELIAPON!

HEY—YEOOWW!

HE'S MAKIN' BREAK FOR IT!



LET GO RIKER, OR YOU WON'T HAVE MUCH FACE LEFT!

YIIIIII! I—I CAN'T STAND IT! JIGGER! LOCO! SHOOT HIM! I'M LETTIN' GO! OOOFFF!

FASTER, JIGGER! HE CAN'T EVEN FIRE A SHOT!



WE CAN'T FIRE BACK, RELIAPON, BUT MAYBE WE CAN OUTRUN 'EM!

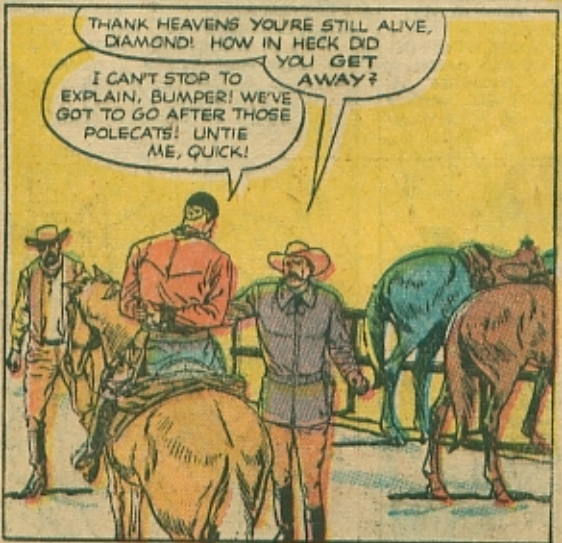
HOLD UP! WE DON'T HAVE TO CATCH HIM! HE'S TRYIN' TO JUMP COYOTE CHASM! HE'LL NEVER MAKE IT!



YOU CAN DO IT, RELIAPON! YOU'RE THE ONLY HORSE IN THE WEST WHO CAN! THAT'S IT! WE'RE GONNA MAKE IT!

HE...HE MADE IT! I...I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!

SEEBIN' IS BELIEVIN'—AIN'T IT? WE SHOULD'VE KILLED HIM ON THE SPOT! C'MON, LET'S GET JIGGER AN' VAMOOSE!



THANK HEAVENS YOU'RE STILL ALIVE, DIAMOND! HOW IN HECK DID YOU GET AWAY?

I CAN'T STOP TO EXPLAIN, BUMPER! WE'VE GOT TO GO AFTER THOSE POLECATS! UNTIE ME, QUICK!



MEANWHILE THE RIKERS ARE ON THE RUN!

BUCK, C'MON! WE GOTTA MAKE TRACKS! WHAT ARE WE STOPPIN' FOR?

I GOT AN IDEA! THOSE SHEDS ARE FULL OF DYNAMITE! A SMART HOMBRE COULD DO CUTE THINGS WITH DYNAMITE IN THESE HILLS!

AFTERNOON, GENTS! WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU?

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JIGGER RIKER SHOOTS THE UNSUSPECTING WATCHMAN BEFORE HE CAN MAKE A MOVE!

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THERE'S THEIR TRAILS! CLEAR AS A MOUNTAIN LAKE!

IT MIGHT BE A TRICK, BUMPER! THEY MIGHT'VE SPLIT UP AND SENT THEIR HORSES AHEAD! LET'S MAKE SURE—WE'LL SPLIT UP!

OKAY, BOB! I'LL TAKE MY MEN EAST! AN' GOOD LUCK!



YOU WERE SMART TO THINK OF THIS TRAP, BUCK! THE BLACK DIAMOND IS A TRAILIN' FOOL!

JIGGER, YOU GOT THE SUREST FEET! YOU GET DOWN THERE AN' WAIT ON THE LEDGE! SIGNAL US WHEN YOU SEE 'EM COMIN'!

OKAY, BUCK! HERE I GO! BE CAREFUL WITH THAT ROPE!



WHEN I SEE 'EM COMIN', I'LL FIRE A SHOT! THEN YOU LET GO WITH THE PLUNGER! LOCO—YA SURE THAT STAKE IS IN TIGHT?

POSITIVE! WE'LL HAVE YOU UP THE SECOND WE START THE AVALANCHE! KEEP A SHARP EYE OUT, JIGGER!



LOOKS LIKE WE'RE ON THE RIGHT TRAIL!

—AND LOOK, BUMPER, THOSE OPENED BOXES OF DYNAMITE! THERE ARE CANYON PASSES UP AHEAD! THEY MAY HAVE A TRAP SET FOR US!



IT'S BETTER TO RISK THESE DONKEYS' LIVES THAN OUR OWN, BUMPER! SEE IF THERE'S ANY EXTRA CLOTHING IN THE OLD MAN'S SHACK... AND SOME RAGS TO STUFF 'EM WITH!

I HOPE YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING, DIAMOND!



WAIT! I GET IT NOW! IF THERE'S A TRAP AHEAD, THESE MULES WILL BE A DECOY!

THAT'S RIGHT, BUMPER! BY THE WAY, SOME DYNAMITE IN OUR HANDS WON'T DO US ANY HARM, EITHER!



MEANWHILE JIGGER STANDS GUARD ON THE NARROW LEDGE...

I SEE 'EM NOW! BLACK DIAMOND AN' THAT MUSTACHED HAL OF HIS!

LOCO! PUSH THE PLUNGER! HERE THEY COME!



I HEAR YUH, JIGGER! GOOD BY, BLACK DIAMOND!

BLACK DIAMOND WESTERN



YIPPEEE! WE GOT 'EM! THEY'LL NEVER GET OUT...HEY--THE LEDGE IS BREAKIN' OFF! LOCO! HOLD ME UP! DON'T LET ME FALL!

BOOM!



I CAN'T HOLD THE STAKE! I...

IT'S NO USE! HE'S GONE, LOCO! JIGGER'S DONE FOR!

H..HELP! THE R..ROPE! I'M FALLIN'... EAAHHH!



BUCK, LOOK DOWN THERE! IT'S THE BLACK DIAMOND! HE'S ALIVE! THEN WE DIDN'T CATCH HIM IN THE SNOW SLIDE!

THAT DOESN'T MATTER! THE IMPORTANT THING IS THAT BLACK DIAMOND'S STILL ALIVE! IT'S A GOOD THING WE STILL GOT SOME DYNAMITE! IT'S SMARTER TO USE THAT! IF WE FIRE ON HIM WE MIGHT MISS AN' THEN HE MIGHT HIT US!



YOU SURE GUESSED RIGHT ABOUT THEIR PREPARING A SNOW TRAP, BOB! IT LOOKS LIKE THE WRONG MAN GOT TRAPPED! HE'S ONE OF THE RIKERS!

BUT THERE'S STILL TWO RIKERS LEFT! C'MON! DIGGING RIKER OUT WON'T HELP HIM A BIT! WE'VE GOT TO GET AFTER THE OTHER TWO COYOTES!

HOURS LATER, BLACK DIAMOND SPES BUCK AND LOCO RIKER AT ONE END OF A GLACIAL LAKE...

HEY, LOCO, LOOK! IT'S THE BLACK DIAMOND! GET READY WITH THE DYNAMITE!

IT'S THEM, BUMPER! HEY-- YOU RIKERS! YOU'RE UNDER ARREST!



WATCH IT, DIAMOND! THEY'RE DYNAMITING THE ICE!

BOOMM!



I CAN'T GRAB HOLD OF THE ICE! IT KEEPS BREAKING OFF!

WATCH OUT, BUMPER! THEY'RE MOVING IN TO GET A GOOD SHOT AT US!

NOW WE CAN CLOSE IN ON 'EM, AN' PICK 'EM OFF WITH OUR GUNS LIKE SITTIN' DUCKS! THEY CAN'T FIRE BACK! THEIR GUNS MUST BE SOAKED!

COME ON, RELIAPON!



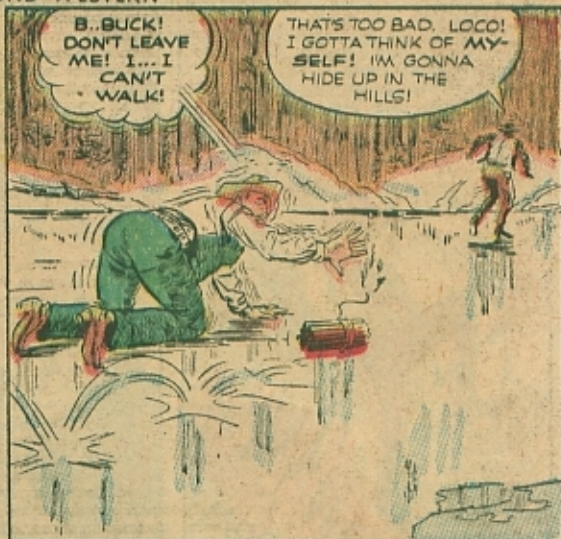
RELIAPON RUSHES AT BLACK DIAMOND'S CALL, TO HIS MASTER AS THE RIKER BROTHERS FIRE AWAY...

THIS DYNAMITE STUFF WORKS TWO WAYS! THE RIKERS HAVE USED UP THEIRS! NOW IT'S OUR TURN! GOOD BOY, RELIAPON! YOU KEPT THE STICKS DRY!



LOOK OUT, LOCO!! HE'S GOT DYNAMITE, TOO! THE HORSE BROUGHT HIM A BUNDLE! HE'S THROWIN' THE STICKS!

OWWW! MY ANKLE! BUCK! HELP ME, BUCK! I CAN'T WALK! I'VE BROKEN MY ANKLE!



B. BUCK! DON'T LEAVE ME! I... I CAN'T WALK!

THAT'S TOO BAD, LOCO! I GOTTA THINK OF MYSELF! I'M GONNA HIDE UP IN THE HILLS!



THAT LEAVES ONE NOW—BUT WE'D BETTER GET DRIED OFF BEFORE WE TRACK HIM DOWN!

GOOD BOY, RELIAPON!

THERE'S A BLACK-FOOT VILLAGE AROUND HERE, DIAMOND! MAYBE THEY CAN PUT US UP FOR THE NIGHT! I'M SOAKED TO THE SKIN!

BBBOOM!
YEAHAHA!



LATER THAT NIGHT AT THE BLACK-FOOT VILLAGE...

I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD WAIT TILL MORNING TO GO AFTER BUCK RIKER, AND YOU'RE SHAKING LIKE A LEAF! I'LL GO ALONE... YOU GET SOME REST AND JOIN ME IN THE MORNING!



MEANWHILE, IN THE NEARBY HILLS, BUCK RIKER GETS CAUGHT IN A WOLF TRAP...

Yiiii!!!

SNAPP!



I'M CAUGHT IN THIS BLASTED TRAP! HELP! HELP! EVEN THE GALLOWS IS BETTER THAN DYING LIKE THIS!

HEY! WHAT'S THAT COMIN' THROUGH THE WOODS? MUST BE THE POSSE!



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RICK REARDON did not want adventure to wait until he got west, he hoped to find it the minute he set foot on the stagecoach. He hoisted his worldly goods over one shoulder, his pickaxe over the other and strolled down the main street. This was the last stop before the stagecoach took off for the trip across the plains, thence across the divide, and somewhere between was gold! Rick was glad to leave the middle west, glad for new adventure and looked forward to greeting his old pal Hugh in Silver City. Hugh had convinced him in his last letter that the West was the place and there was no point in grubbing in the middle western dirt any longer. Rick had sold his farm and was off to strike not only a lode but a new life.

From what he'd heard Hugh say about Grizzly Ike, one of the drivers of the stage, Rick could hardly wait to spend days crossing the country with the man. Ike's reputation had spread from the Mississippi to the coast. No desperado dared cross Ike's path, for any who had never returned to tell about it. Ike had a fabulous store of western lore and kept his passengers spellbound across the mountains and across the plains. Rick had, therefore, timed his departure with the time he thought Ike would be driving the stage on a return trip to the west.

As Rick neared the post office he saw the stage waiting to set out on the long trek. He sauntered in to line up his trip. The minute he stated his intentions, a man standing near him whirled around and said, "Going west? There are no passengers booked for this trip."

Rick turned to face a dark, slender man whose black eyes looked right through him. "Well, partner," Rick drawled in what he thought was western lingo, "I don't think it's necessary to book in advance and what's more, what's it to you?"

"I'm merely driving," the stranger answered, "and we have a pretty full load. Don't reckon there's any more room."

Rick ignored the answer and turned to the clerk who booked seats on the stage. "Can I believe this man?" he asked indignantly. "Can't I go on this trip?"

"Well," answered the clerk, seemingly hesitating, then continuing in an undertone, "I don't think you're wise to go. Ike was s'posed to . . . well, er, ah . . ." The dark stranger having started to walk toward them made the clerk change the subject abruptly. "You'll have to ride up front. It's pretty uncomfortable, hot, dirty and there aren't any other passengers. It's a large shipment," he added as an afterthought as if that final statement explained everything else.

Rick, undaunted, dug into his pocket, pulled out the fare and said, "Well, driver, my friend here says it's okay for me to go if I ride up front with you. How does that suit you, pal?"

"It's your funeral, bud, and I don't want to hear any complaints," answered the surly driver.

Rick, having sold his farm, packed his goods and made up his mind, was not going to let anything deter him. He was disappointed not to be in company with the fabulous Grizzly Ike, but why delay his getting west?

Rick climbed up to the seat with the driver and, with a flick of the whip, they raced out of town. Rick thought the driver sullen and uncommunicative and several times tried to draw him into conversation to no avail. Finally he said, "Where's Ike? I expected him to be driving?"

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"Ike?" answered the driver, "Who's Ike?"

Rick was surprised at that reply and continued, "Grizzly Ike, the driver. Everyone knows Ike."

"Oh, yeah, oh, er, he's a . . . he's not well. He's laid up in Silver City. Gettin' old," muttered the driver.

"No kidding?" answered Rick in sympathy. "Funny no one has heard about that. Everyone knows Ike, I sure am sorry."

Days passed, the sun beat down, the dust covered the stage. Rick had little conversation with the stranger, as every time he opened his mouth he was rebuffed. Even when they stopped at settlements to change horses, Rick had difficulty striking up friendly conversations. He felt he was being treated suspiciously and the conversations were very brief. Suspicious as Rick could get, however, each time they stopped to drop off mail or pick up goods, the driver pulled out his credentials and everything went aboard in good and short order. Never did they pick up more passengers.

After they left the plains the long climb started. Steadily upward they went, with constant winding, constant looking around the next curve and around the one behind. One day, as Rick felt sure they were approaching Silver City, he was suddenly startled by a "zing" in the air.

"Duck," cried the driver, "and let's get going!" The stage swung and lurched around each curve in the trail. Then, suddenly, they heard the sound of horses pursuing them. Again the "zing" of a bullet whizzed by from the rear. As they raced around the next curve, the horses lurched to a sudden stop. Two men on horseback, rifles pointed at the stage, blocked the middle of the trail. Rick reached for his gun and was waiting word from the driver to fire. As Rick turned to the driver for the signal he was stunned to notice that the driver hadn't even reached for his gun and seemed to be willing to give up without a struggle. Rick's smoldering suspicions culminated. He drew his gun, fired at the men in the road ahead. Their horses were excited by the shots and the men lost control for an instant. At that moment Rick turned to the driver again just in time to catch him aiming the butt of his gun at Rick's skull. Rick swung a quick left and knocked the surprised driver out of the stage. Working on impulse, he fired at the two men ahead. One man dropped from his horse, the other horse shied, throwing the rider. Rick picked up the reins and urged the horses down the trail.

The driver suddenly came up out of the dust, pulled his rifle and fired at the disappearing stage. The men in pursuit from the rear followed the driver's example. Rick, realizing that the horses knew more about the trail than he, gave them free rein and concentrated on knocking out his pursuers. Successfully, he saw one fall in the dust, then he pulled a bead on the other. Just at that moment he rounded another curve in the trail and his pursuers were lost for a while. He heard another shot, then another, and as he was waiting, half driving the

horses and half watching to the rear to fire again, he was surprised to hear several shots far in the distance. "They couldn't be firing at me," he thought in a split second, "and what's more I'd better concentrate on getting this stage through, instead of popping off the desperadoes."

Much to Rick's surprise the pursuers never followed him around the curve. He drove the horses into Silver City and they pantingly arrived without another shot from the rear. As he pulled up to the trading post, he jumped off the stage and ran in calling for help. As he raced through the door he ran into the hulking figure of a man who had been watching the approach of the racing stage.

"Hugh!" gasped Rick.

"Rick!" Hugh cried, "What are you doing here?"

"Here? I told you I was coming," Rick breathlessly answered.

Hugh doubled over in laughter, "You mean you were on that stage?"

After moments of confusion, Rick had a chance to calm down and listen to what Hugh had to say. "That stage was a trap! Everyone along the line knew it. If you hadn't been so dead set on coming west you never would have got on it. There's nothing of value on it, it's loaded with sandbags! You're a hero, yes, for saving what you thought was valuable—but, come on in, I'll explain."

Over a large cup of coffee the baffled Rick listened to Hugh's explanation, "Ike was shot at on his run into Silver City from the west. His credentials were stolen. There've been robberies and attempted robberies for a long time on this run. This last time when Ike got it he figured it would be a good time to trap the tough guys. So, the word was spread to the government and to everyone along the line to let this forger get through with what he thought was a valuable shipment. Then, Ike figured, when he came to this mountainous area where there have been many holdups, he would just turn over his stage to his pals. Ike had it figured out to a letter, except no one thought you, the fair-haired hero, would be aboard. The guys who held you up were the real McCoy but I'm sure they never fired a shot directly at you or the driver. They thought you were a buddy and the great surprise to them was that you fought back! You see, Ike and his henchmen were planted here and there to catch them in the act, and when Ike's men shot at the robbers, you thought the robbers were firing at you! Savvy?"

Rick gasped and at that moment the sound of horses roused them to their feet. As Rick looked out the door, a strange procession entered town. Grizzly Ike was leading five horses with their contrite riders, bound, gagged and stripped of weapons toward the city jail. Slung over the rear of Ike's horse, resembling a sandbag, was Rick's companion, the stage "coach driver."

"Well," sighed Rick, "I guess you have to get initiated to the west the hard way!"

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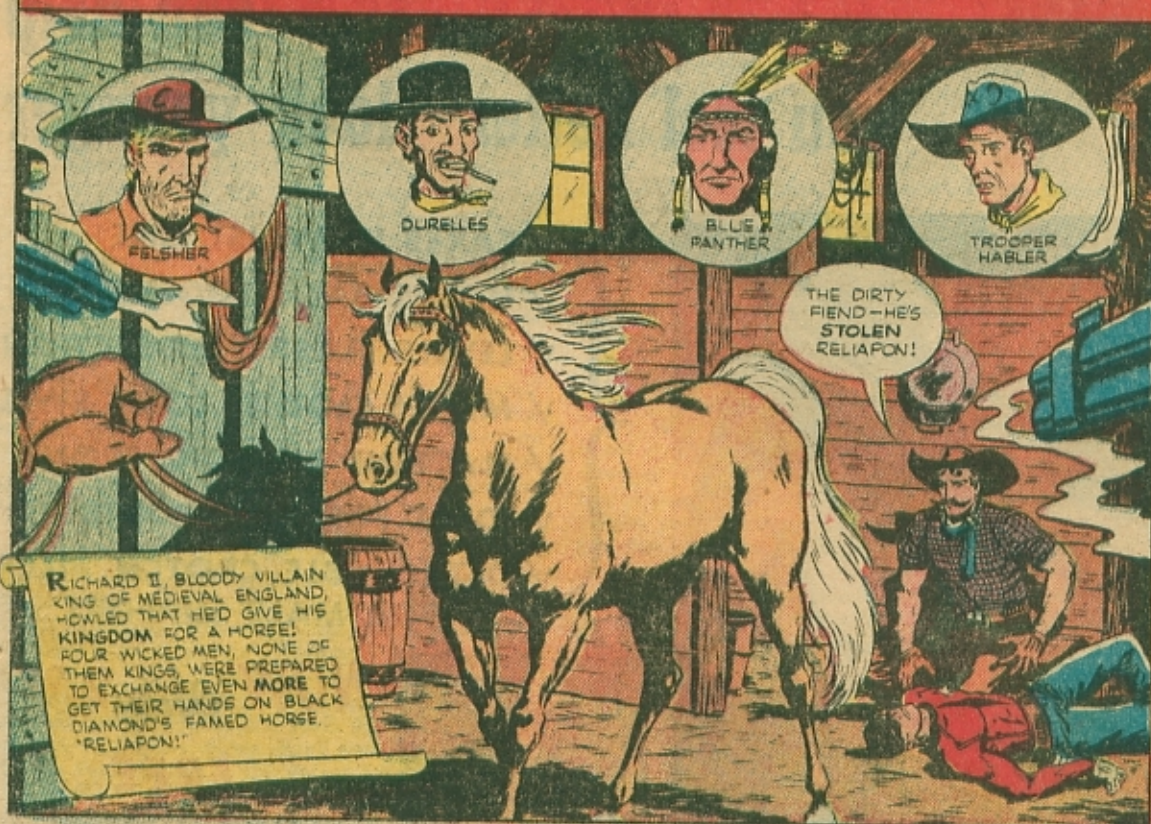
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ONE MORNING IN THE FRONTIER TOWN OF SILVER GULCH, TWO VICIOUS CRIMINALS, JOE AND LUKE DANFORTH, WHOM BLACK DIAMOND BROUGHT IN, ARE ABOUT TO BE HANGED..



OKAY DANFORTH BROTHERS - YA GOT ANY LAST WORDS TO SAY BEFORE WE GET ON WITH THE HANGIN'?

YEAH! I COULD STAND HERE A WEEK JUST CUSSIN' THE BLACK DIAMOND! HE PUT US HERE!



YOU'RE WRONG, LUKE! I'D LIKE TO SEE THE BLACK DIAMOND STRUCK DEAD BEFORE MY EYES, SAME AS YOU - BUT IT WASN'T HIM THAT CAUGHT US...

BLACK DIAMOND WESTERN



IT WAS THAT DANGED HORSE OF HIS! NO HORSE IN THE WORLD CAN DO WHAT THAT NAG DONE! THAT'S WHY WE'RE HERE TODAY— WITH A ROPE AROUND OUR NECKS!

THEY'RE COMPLIMENTING YOU, RELIAPON— AND THEY'RE RIGHT!



I AIN'T TAKIN' NOTHING AWAY FROM BLACK DIAMOND BY SAYIN' HE'D NEVER HAVE CAUGHT US IF NOT FOR HIS PALOMINO! AS LONG AS I GOT A FEW LAST WORDS, I'LL TELL YA WHAT THAT HORSE, RELIAPON, DONE!



WE AMBUSHED BLACK DIAMOND! HE WAS A GONER! AN' WHAT DOES HIS HORSE DO? HE TAKES A TWO HUNDRED FOOT DIVE INTO THE LAKE!



I, IT AIN'T POSSIBLE, JOE! I'M SEEIN' THINGS!

YA SURE ARE— RELIAPON MADE THE JUMP ON HIS OWN!

BUT - WE HADN'T SEEN NOTHIN' YET! THE NEXT DAY WE THOUGHT WE WERE SAFE! WE HAD A TWENTY FOOT CHASM BETWEEN BLACK DIAMOND AN' US! WE WERE ABOUT TO LET HIM HAVE IT, WHEN...



J. JOE! THAT NAG— HE'S JUMPIN' TH' CHASM!

YIPE! VAMOOSE!

AN' THAT AIN'T ALL! WE SET A PRAIRIE FIRE TO KEEP A WALL OF FLAME BETWEEN US AN' THIS HUMAN BLOOD HOUND! AN' WHAT DO YA THINK HE DID?



HE'S COVERED THE CRITTER AN' HIMSELF WITH A BLANKET AN' HE'S COMIN' THROUGH!

FIRE AN' WATER AN' EVEN BULLETS DON'T SEEM TO STOP THAT NAG! EVERY TIME I THINK I'VE GOT A BEAD ON HIM— I MISS!



NOTHING STOPPED THEM TWO!

RELIAPON SWAM A CURRENT THAT WOULD SWAY A REDWOOD!

HE KEPT GOING THROUGH THE NIGHT WITH NO REST...

AN' NO DRINK!

A MULE COULDN'T MAKE THE ROCKY PASSES THAT NAG DID!



YEP! IT WAS THE HORSE THAT GOT US! IF WE'D HAD THE BLACK DIAMOND'S NAG, WE'D BOTH BE IN MEXICO NOW, STRUMMIN' GUITARS INSTEAD OF THE HARPS WE'LL BE GITTIN' IN A COUPLE OF MINUTES!

DON'T WORRY, JOE! WHERE YA AN' LUKE ARE GOIN, THERE WON'T BE NO HARPS! GUYS WHO CAN KILL TEN INNOCENT PEOPLE, LIKE YOU BOTH DONE, GOT A HOT TIME AHEAD OF YA! OKAY, SPRING THE TRAP!

BLACK DIAMOND WESTERN



THAT'S A SIGHT I HATE TO SEE, BUMPER! ALL THE FUTILITY OF CRIME IS WRAPPED UP IN AN EXECUTION! BUT WITHOUT PUNISHMENT THESE DEVILS WOULD RUN WILD OVER HONEST CITIZENS!



THEY DANFORTH SLOGS WERE RIGHT ABOUT HAVING THE RIGHT KIND OF HOSS BLESS UNDER YA. IF I HAD A HOSS LIKE RELIAPON, I COULD OUTSTRIP ANY POSSE IN THE WEST!

RELIAPON'S EARNED A GOOD REST AND ALL THE OATS HE CAN EAT! DO YOU KNOW A GOOD STABLE, BUMPER?

YEAH! BENSON'S LIVERY AROUND THE CORNER, DIAMOND!



SAY, BLACK DIAMOND - I HEARD WHAT THE DANFORTH BROTHERS SAID ABOUT YOUR HORSE! COULD I RIDE HIM DOWN THE STREET?

I DOUBT IT, FRIEND! RELIAPON NEVER LIKES ANYBODY TO RIDE HIM BUT ME!

AW, LET HIM RIDE! JIM'S GOT A HEAD LIKE A LUMPOF IRON! NO HOSS CAN HURT HIM!



OKAY...BUT DON'T SAY I DIDN'T WARN YOU! HE WON'T RIDE FOR ANYONE BUT ME!



WHEEE!

WHAT DID I TELL YOU! LOOK OUT!



ARE YUH HURT, JEFFE?

N...NO! ONLY DARN NEAR KILLED MYSELF! WHAT A HORSE! H...HE SHOT ME OFF HIS BACK LIKE A BULLET!

STEALIN' RELIAPON WON'T BE EASY! THE CRITTER IS SMART! HE MIGHT GO FOR ME WITH HIS HOOPS! I GOTTA THINK OF SOMETHING TO QUIET HIM DOWN! TILL HE GETS USED TO ME!



MINUTES LATER, PETE FELSER VISITS DOC ELDRIDGE...

LOOK, DOC, COULD YUH FIX UP SOMETHIN' FOR MY MARE? SHE'S FOALIN' AN' SHE COULD USE SOMETHIN' TO KILL THE PAIN...

GOT JUST THE THING RIGHT HERE! MIX SOME OF THIS DRUG INTO HER FEED AND SHE'LL GET RELIEF IN A FEW MINUTES! IT WON'T KNOCK HER OUT! IT'LL JUST SLOW HER DOWN AND MAKE HER SLEEPY!



I'LL WAIT TILL THE TOWN QUIETS DOWN! THEN I'LL SNEAK INTO THE STABLE, DOCTOR UP THE NAG'S MEAL AN' WAIT FOR HIM TO WILT ENOUGH TO BE LED AWAY!

YOU SURE HAVE A TIRED HORSE THERE, DIAMOND!

YOU SAID IT, BUMPER! I'D BETTER LOOK IN ON RELIAPON TO SEE HOW HE'S DOING...

BLACK DIAMOND WESTERN



HMM... IT'S EIGHT HOURS SINCE RELIAPON LAST PUT ON THE FEEDBAG! I'LL GIVE HIM A NICE SURPRISE WHEN I ROUSE HIM—A BIG BASKETFUL OF PRIME OATS!

EASY DOES IT! I DON'T WANT THIS OLD GOAT GIVIN' THE ALARM!



I CAN'T DOSE HIM TOO MUCH OR I'LL HAVE TO CARRY THE BRONCO OUT OF HERE!



HERE YA ARE, RELIAPON! A BIG PAIL OF OATS! THAT'S IT, BOY—EAT IT ALL!

WHILE YOU PEEK IN ON RELIAPON, I'LL BUY SOME TOBACCO, DIAMOND!

OKAY, BUMPER!



HEY, MR. BENSON! WHERE ARE YOU? MR. BENSON—GUESS HE STEPPED OUT FOR A MINUTE! LET'S SEE—WHICH ONE IS RELIAPON'S STALL?

THE BLACK DIAMOND! IF HE SEES ME THE JIG IS UP!



HMM...RELIAPON'S ACTING FUNNY! SORT OF DOPEY LIKE! I WONDER...COULD HE BE SICK?

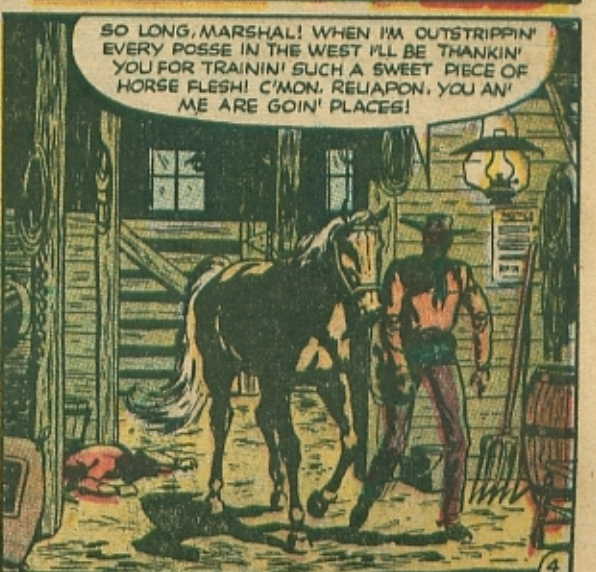
WORRY ABOUT YOURSELF, PARDNER! YOU'LL BE SICKER!



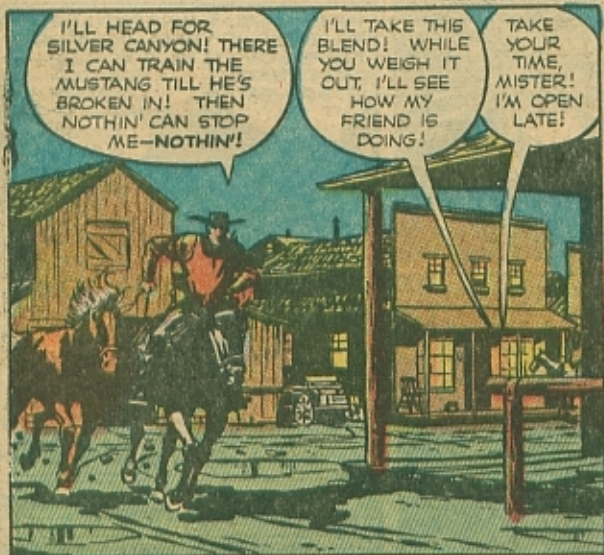
SO THIS IS THE TOUGH BLACK DIAMOND! THE TIN STAR EVERY OUTLAW WEST OF ST. LOUIS IS SCARED STIFF OF! HUH! HE DON'T LOOK SO TOUGH NOW!

OHNN!

BANG!
BANG!



SO LONG, MARSHAL! WHEN I'M OUTSTRIPPIN' EVERY POSSE IN THE WEST I'LL BE THANKIN' YOU FOR TRAININ' SUCH A SWEET PIECE OF HORSE FLESH! C'MON, RELIAPON, YOU AN' ME ARE GOIN' PLACES!



I'LL HEAD FOR SILVER CANYON! THERE I CAN TRAIN THE MUSTANG TILL HE'S BROKEN IN! THEN NOTHIN' CAN STOP ME—NOTHIN'!

I'LL TAKE THIS BLEND! WHILE YOU WEIGH IT OUT, I'LL SEE HOW MY FRIEND IS DOING!

TAKE YOUR TIME, MISTER! I'M OPEN LATE!

GREAT SCOTT, DIAMOND! WHAT HAPPENED? GASP! HE'S UNCONSCIOUS! RELIAPON'S GONE! DIAMOND MUST'VE CAUGHT A THIEF IN THE ACT OF STEALING RELIAPON AND THE DIRTY SKUNK SHOT HIM IN THE BACK!



SHORTLY AFTERWARDS, BLACK DIAMOND'S LIFE IS IN DOC ELRIDGE'S HANDS...

HOW'S IT LOOK, DOC?

ONE BULLET PASSED COMPLETELY THROUGH HIS CHEST! THE SLUGS MISSED A VITAL SPOT BY HALF AN INCH! I MUST OPERATE IMMEDIATELY!

WE BEEN CHECKIN' UP, BUMPER! A BAD ACTOR NAMED FELSER CHECKED OUTTA TOWN ABOUT THE TIME THE BLACK DIAMOND GOT SHOT! AN' A COUPLE OF NEW ARRIVALS IN TOWN SAW FELSER LEADIN' AN EXTRA HORSE—A PALOWINO!

FELSER BETTER SAY HIS PRAYERS, SHERIFF!

COME IN, BUMPER! THE OPERATION'S OVER!



HE'S GOING TO PULL THROUGH! LUCKILY, THE BLACK DIAMOND'S GOT A BODY MADE OF SPRING STEEL!

I GOT A LOT TO LIVE FOR, DOC! I GOTTA CATCH THE COYOTES WHO STOLE RELIAPON!

NO COYOTES, DIAMOND—JUST A TWO-FOOTED POLECAT NAMED FELSER! I'M GOING AFTER HIM WHILE YOU STAY HERE AND RECOVER!

RELIAPON WOULD NEVER HAVE LEFT HIS STALL UNLESS HE WAS DRUGGED! I PITY FELSER ONCE THAT DRUG WEARS OFF!

DID YOU SAY DRUG? WAS THIS THIEF BLONDE, TALL? DID HE WEAR A MUSTACHE?

THAT DESCRIPTION FITS HIM TO A 'T' DOC!

THEN HE'S GOT ENOUGH OF THE DRUG TO LAST HIM FOR WEEKS! I GAVE IT TO HIM!

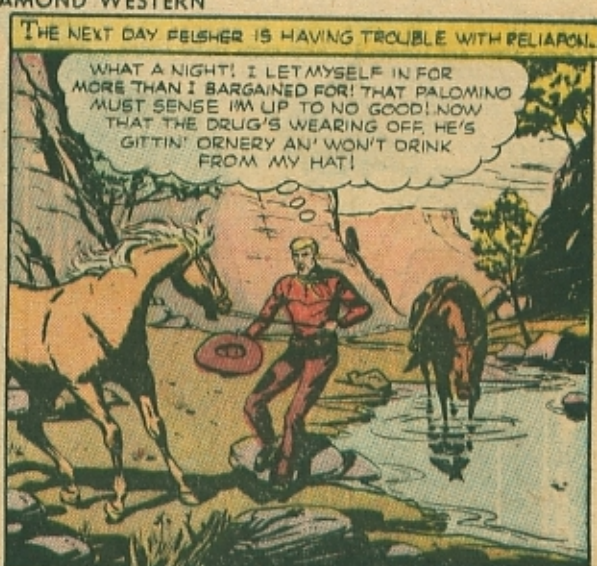
IT DOESN'T MATTER! I KNOW RELIAPON! HE'LL DIE BEFORE HE'LL LET SOMEBODY HE MISTRUSTS RIDE HIM!

BLACK DIAMOND WESTERN



THAT'S WHY I'M TRAILING HIM NOW, DIAMOND! A MAN-KILLER LIKE FELSER WOULDN'T HESITATE TO SHOOT AN ANIMAL IF HE GOT SORE ENOUGH!

GO TO IT, BUMPER—IF FELSER HARMS A HAIR OF RELIAPON'S HEAD, I'LL KILL HIM MYSELF!



THE NEXT DAY FELSER IS HAVING TROUBLE WITH RELIAPON...

WHAT A NIGHT! I LET MYSELF IN FOR MORE THAN I BARGAINED FOR! THAT PALOMINO MUST SENSE I'M UP TO NO GOOD! NOW THAT THE DRUG'S WEARING OFF, HE'S GITTIN' ORNERY AN' WON'T DRINK FROM MY HAT!



CUSS HIM! NOW ALL THE DRUG'S SPILLED OUT WITH THE WATER! *!GASP!* HE'S GOIN' FOR ME... HE'S GONE LOCO! STAY AWAY, YA CRAZY CRITTER...

WEE! WEE!



HOW'LL I EVER RIDE HIM IF HE ACTS LIKE THIS WHEN I'M ONLY GIVING HIM WATER? HE AIN'T NORMAL! HE HATES ME! HE'LL KILL ME IF HE CAN...



IT WAS A BIG MISTAKE STEALIN' HIM... NOBODY BUT THE BLACK DIAMOND CAN RIDE THIS HORSE! BUT I'M GETTIN' OUTTA THIS MESS! YA AIN'T SO SMART, RELIAPON! THAT LITTLE RUMPUS WILL COST YOU YOUR LIFE!



FELSER! NO! DO NOT SHOOT THE BEAST! A MAGNIFICENT HORSE LIKE THAT WOULD BRING MUCH MONEY IN TRADE!



DURELLES... THE INJUN TRADER! LISTEN, DURELLES—YOU DON'T WANT THIS NAG! HE'S LOCO—HE'S THE KINDA HORSE YA CAN'T EVEN LEAD TO WATER—LET ALONE MAKE HIM DRINK!

WHO TALKS OF DRINK? TRY SUGAR! NO HORSE CAN RESIST SUGAR! WHAT'S HIS NAME? RELIAPON! HERE, RELIAPON... DURELLES OFFERS YOU DELICIOUS SUGAR—AS MUCH AS YOU CAN EAT!



YOU SEE? YOU DECEIVE ANIMALS AS YOU DECEIVE HUMANS... WITH WHAT THEY'RE GREEDY FOR! FOR A HORSE—SUGAR! FOR A MAN—MONEY! HOW MUCH MONEY YOU WANT FOR HIM, FELSER?

IT'S WORTH PLENTY TO ME JUST TO MOSEY ON WITHOUT THAT CRITTER CHASING ME UP A TREE!

AN' ANOTHER THING! IF THERE'S A SEARCH PARTY OUT FOR THE NAG, THEY'LL GET AFTER DURELLES!

I'LL TAKE THIRTY DOLLARS, DURELLES!

BLACK DIAMOND WESTERN



I'LL PAY YOU TEN DOLLARS! NO MORE, NO LESS! HE'LL COST ME A FORTUNE IN SUGAR BEFORE I CAN DISPOSE OF HIM!

OKAY, DURELLES! I AIN'T ARGUING! LET'S HAVE THE TEN BUCKS!

HE'S GOT A THOUSAND ON HIM, IF HE'S GOT A CENT!



NOW I'LL TAKE YOUR PURSE! DON'T MAKE A MOVE, DURELLES! I'D JUST AS SOON PULL THIS TRIGGER!

YOU FILTHY DOUBLE CROSSER! I'LL HAVE THE LAW ON YOU!



THAT'LL BE NO NOVELTY! ONE MORE HOLDUP WON'T SOIL MY RECORD! LOTS OF LUCK WITH THE HORSE, DURELLES! I RECOMMEND RIDIN' HIM AS THE SUREST WAY OF COMMITTIN' SUICIDE! HA! HA! GOOD-BY NOW!



THAT'S A LAUGH! THE CRUELEST INJUN TRADER IN WYOMING GON' TO THE LAW TO COMPLAIN ABOUT ME! IT'S A QUESTION WHO THEY'D HANG FIRST... ME OR DURELLES! ANYWAY NOW LET DURELLES TAKE THE RAP FOR STEALIN' THE HORSE!

CHIEF BLUE PANTHER WOULD GIVE HIS RIGHT EYE FOR A PALOMINO LIKE THIS! BEFORE THREE DAYS PASS, I WILL GET ENOUGH GOLD TO MAKE UP FOR MY GETTING ROBBED!



THREE DAYS AFTER...

SINCE I'VE RUN OUT OF SUGAR, THE HORSE IS UNMANAGEABLE! THE MULES... THEY HAVE TO DRAG THE PALOMINO MORE THAN THE GOODS!

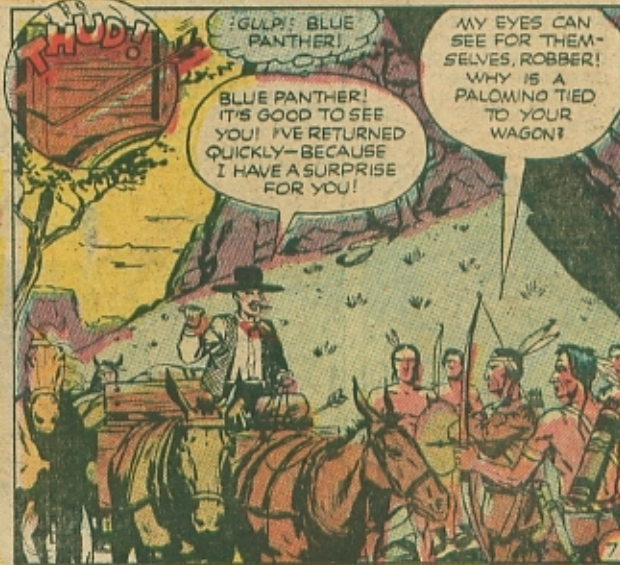
DURELLES!

COME! WE WARN THE CHIEF!



I MUST BE CAREFUL WITH BLUE PANTHER! HE WILL BE VERY ANGRY OVER MY CHEATING ON THE GOODS I GAVE THEM LAST MONTH! BUT WHEN HE SEES THE PALOMINO, HE WILL FORGET EVERYTHING!

THE PALE FACE ROBBER LAUGHS BEHIND BLUE PANTHER'S BACK! THE RIFLES DURELLES SELL ME... THEY DON'T SHOOT! THE FLOUR, IT'S SPOILED! THE WHISKEY LIKE POISON!



THUD!

GULP! BLUE PANTHER!

BLUE PANTHER! IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU! I'VE RETURNED QUICKLY—BECAUSE I HAVE A SURPRISE FOR YOU!

MY EYES CAN SEE FOR THEMSELVES, ROBBER! WHY IS A PALOMINO TIED TO YOUR WAGON?



HE'S DANGEROUS TO RIDE, CHIEF! AT FIRST YOU MUST BREAK HIM IN! I TELL YOU THIS BECAUSE YOU ARE MY FRIEND! I ONLY CHARGE YOU VERY LITTLE FOR HIM!

SO? SUCH GENEROSITY MUST BE REPAID! INSTEAD OF SMEARING YOUR FACE WITH HONEY AND BURYING YOU IN THE GROUND...



...YOU SHALL DIE QUICKLY AND EASILY, FOOLISH TRADER! DID YOU THINK YOUR TONGUE COULD BEWITCH ME FOREVER!

WAIT!! YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND! WHEN I LEFT LAST MONTH I REALIZED THE GOODS I SOLD YOU, THEY ARE BAD! MY HEART BLEEDS—I MUST RETURN! I MUST GIVE BLUE PANTHER A SPECIAL GIFT! I WAS JOKING WHEN I SAID I'D CHARGE YOU!



SURE, YOU JOKE! THAT IS WHY I SMILE! KILL HIM!

NO, BLUE PANTHER, NO!



ONE WEEK LATER...

THOSE ARE RELIAPON'S HOOFPRIENTS! NOTICE THAT DIAMOND INSERT! THE INJUNS GOT TO FELSHER ALL RIGHT! THEN THE BUZZARDS TOOK OVER!

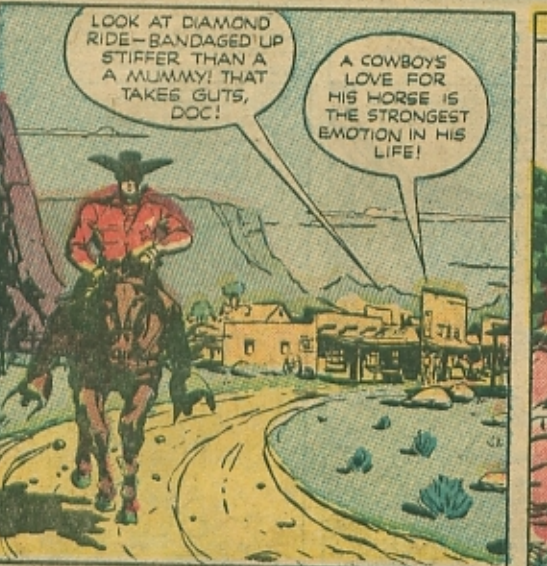
NO, BUMPER! FELSHER HAD NO PACK WAGON TRAIN, AND THERE'S A CLEAR WAGON TRAIL HEADING INTO BLUE PANTHER'S TERRITORY! MORE'N LIKELY FELSHER TRADED THE HORSE TO AN INDIAN TRADER WHO GOT PAID OFF WITH ARROW HEADS!



LATER, IN TOWN...

THIS TALK OF YOUR GOING AFTER RELIAPON YOURSELF IS MADNESS, BLACK DIAMOND! YOUR WOUNDS HAVEN'T HEALED YET!

BY THE TIME THEY DO, RELIAPON MIGHT NOT BE ALIVE! THAT'S MORE IMPORTANT TO ME THAN MY WOUNDS! THIS LETTER FROM BUMPER TELLS ME WHERE TO PICK UP RELIAPON'S TRAIL! I'M GOING AFTER HIM!



LOOK AT DIAMOND RIDE—BANDAGED UP STIFFER THAN A MUMMY! THAT TAKES GUTS, DOC!

A COWBOY'S LOVE FOR HIS HORSE IS THE STRONGEST EMOTION IN HIS LIFE!



MEANWHILE, A SCOUT OF BLUE PANTHER'S RIDES INTO CAMP...

BLUE PANTHER...WE HAVE CUT OFF A SCOUTING UNIT FROM FORT ATKINS! WE CAN EXTERMINATE THEM AT WILL! TAKE YOUR PONY AND RIDE TO THE ATTACK!

I WILL RIDE THE PALOMINO, NO OTHER! FOR A WEEK WE HAVE BEATEN HIM! NOW HE WILL OBEY! LOOK INTO HIS EYES! THE FIGHT HAS GONE OUT OF HIM!

IT MAY BE A TRICK! THE BEAST IS CLEVER! PERHAPS HE UNDERSTANDS THIS TREATMENT!

YOU TALK LIKE A FOOL! A HORSE, HOWEVER CLEVER, STILL HAS THE BRAINS OF A HORSE! HE'S BEATEN, I SAY! CUT LOOSE THE ROPES!

VERY WELL, MIGHTY CHIEF — BUT I HAVE WATCHED THE PALOWINO ALL WEEK! HE IS CUNNING! HE IS ALMOST LIKE A MAN!

YOU SEE WHAT NONSENSE THOSE FOOLS SPOKE? THE HORSE RUNS LIKE THE WIND! HE WILL TAKE ME TO VICTORY A THOUSAND TIMES! CHARGE! WIPE OUT THE PALEFACES BELOW!

HE'S GONE! THE LIEUTENANT WARNED YOU HABLER WAS A COWARD! HE'S RUN OUT ON US WHEN WE NEEDED HIM MOST!

I DON'T WANT TO DIE! THIS IS MY ONLY CHANCE!

AT THAT VERY MOMENT, RELIAPON THROWS CHIEF BLUE PANTHER!

L...LOOK! THE PALOWINO FALLS TO THE GROUND! IT SEEMS HE SEEKS TO KILL BLUE PANTHER!

I MUST GET BACK TO THE FORT!

EEA!

THE COWARDLY HABLER APPROACHES RELIAPON AS HE GETS TO HIS FEET...

THE CHIEF'S DEAD! HIS WARRIORS ARE RETREATING! WE'RE SAVED! HEAVEN BLESS THE HORSE! HE SENSED OUR DANGER AND DELIBERATELY ROLLED OVER ON BLUE PANTHER!

THAT'S IT, BOY! LET ME MOUNT YOU! WE MUST RIDE FOR HELP! OUR MEN ARE IN DANGER! HOLD STEADY!

THE POOR BEAST DOESN'T KNOW HE'S CARRYING A MISERABLE COWARD WHO DESERTED HIS FELLOW SOLDIERS AT A CRITICAL HOUR!

DON'T WORRY, COWARDS LIKE HABLER NEVER COME TO A GOOD END!

THAT NIGHT, IN THE MOUNTAIN VASTNESS AS THE DESERTER STOOPS TO DRINK...

WELL, WELL, AS THE SPIDER SAID TO THE FLY... COME INTO MY GUN-SIGHT! YOU'RE CARRYING PROVISIONS, AND I NEED THEM!

BANG!

ESPECIALLY WITH POSSES SWARMING ALL OVER THE PLACE! WELL, WHAT DO YA KNOW — IT'S A TROOPER — THAT'S GOOD — THEY ALWAYS CARRY EXTRA SUPPLIES!

THAT WHINNEY! I'VE HEARD IT BEFORE! I COULD NEVER FORGET THAT SOUND!

WHINNEY!

BLACK DIAMOND WESTERN



I KNEW IT! IT'S BLACK DIAMOND'S HORSE, RELIAPON— THAT CRITTER—HE'S AFTER ME AGAIN! STAY BACK!



I'M TRAPPED! I CAN'T GET PAST THAT HORSE AND HE WON'T SHOW HIMSELF! THIS IS GONNA BE AN ENDURANCE CONTEST!



TWO DAYS LATER, AT FORT ATKINS, BLACK DIAMOND IS WORRIED ABOUT RELIAPON...

THAT'S LAST WE SAW OF HABLER AND YOUR HORSE, BLACK DIAMOND! THEY WERE HEADED FOR SILVER CANYON— AN OLD OUTLAW HIDEOUT!

THEN SILVER CANYON IS OUR NEXT STOP! IF A MAN NAMED 'BUMPER' HAPPENS ALONG TELL HIM TO WAIT HERE FOR ME! I'LL BE BACK AS SOON AS I CAN!

NEXT AFTERNOON, FELSHER IS STILL ENTRENCHED IN SILVER CANYON TRYING TO GET A SHOT AT RELIAPON! AT THAT MOMENT, BLACK DIAMOND APPROACHES AND HEARS RELIAPON NEIGHING...



NO FOOD, NO SLEEP, NO DRINK—J.J. JUST WAITIN' FOR THAT CURSED HORSE TO MAKE A FALSE MOVE AND COME UP THE TRAIL!

WHINNEE!

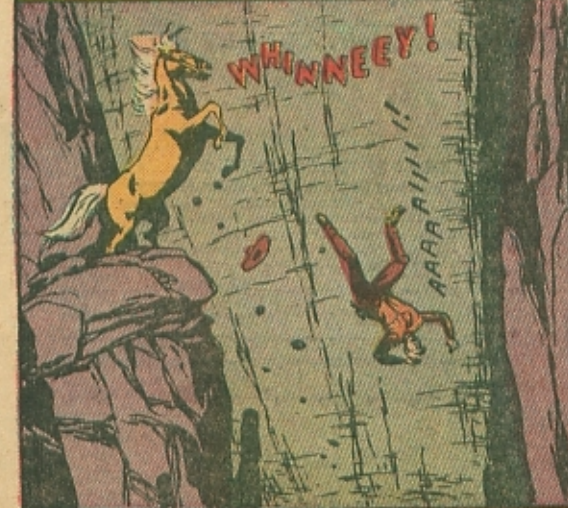


IT'S THE BLACK DIAMOND! HE AIN'T DEAD—BUT HE WON'T BE ALIVE FOR LONG!

THAT'S RELIAPON, ALL RIGHT!

COME OUT, RELIAPON! IT'S ME!

AS FELSHER TURNED TO FIRE AT BLACK DIAMOND, RELIAPON SENSED HIS CHANCE AND...



WHINNEE!

AAAAA!!!



GOOD BOY, RELIAPON! YOU NOT ONLY SENT THAT ROTTEN FELSHER TO HIS DOOM, BUT YOU SAVED MY LIFE IN THE BARGAIN! YOU'RE THE BEST FRIEND I'VE EVER HAD!

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ALL ALONG THE WAY WERE ABANDONED WAGONS, CLOTHES, GUNS AND HUNDREDS OF OTHER ARTICLES! BY ACTUAL COUNT, OVER A 15 MILE AREA, THERE WERE 1000 WAGONS, 350 DEAD HORSES, 280 DEAD OXEN, AND 120 DEAD MULES!



**ONE OF THE OLD WEST'S
MOST FEARED DESPERADOS
— WAS A WOMAN —**

BELLE STARR, ORGANIZER AND BOSS OF ONE OF THE TOUGHEST GANGS OF HORSE THIEVES AND CATTLE RUSTLERS THE WEST HAS EVER KNOWN! SHE DID IT TO AVENGE THE DEATH OF HER HUSBAND — WHO WAS SHOT BY A SHERIFF WHEN HE RESISTED ARREST!



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"PEGLEG" SMITH FOUND GOLD NUGGETS ON THE CALIFORNIA DESERT RIGHT ON TOP OF THE GROUND! HE TOOK A COUPLE OF PIECES TO 'FRISCO FOR ESSAY AND FOUND IT CONTAINED PURE GOLD! PEGLEG SPENT THE REST OF HIS LIFE LOOKING FOR THE PLACE WHERE HE FOUND THE NUGGETS — (HE NEVER FOUND THE PLACE AGAIN!)



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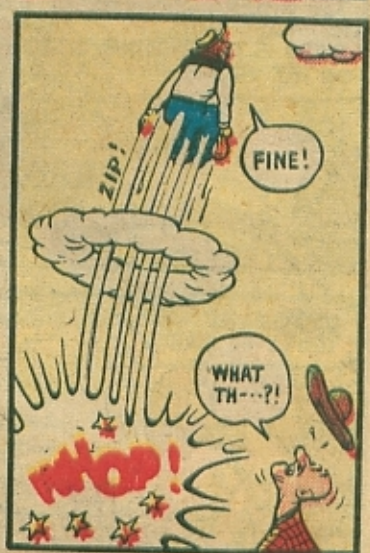
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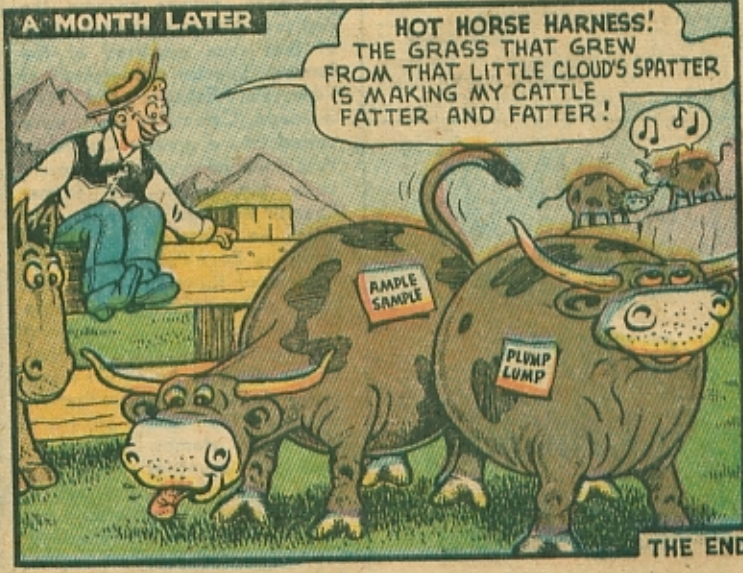
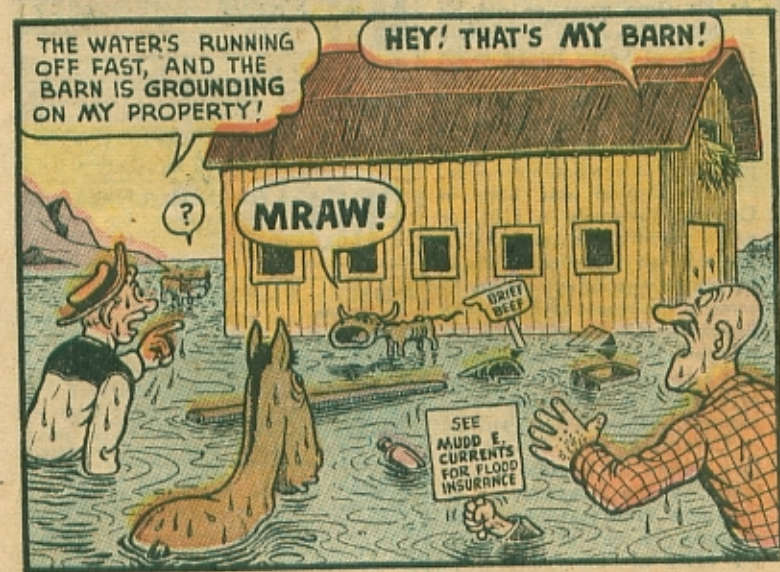
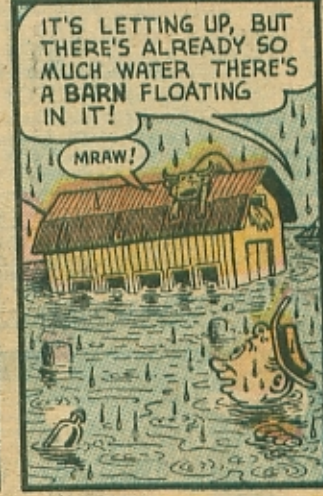
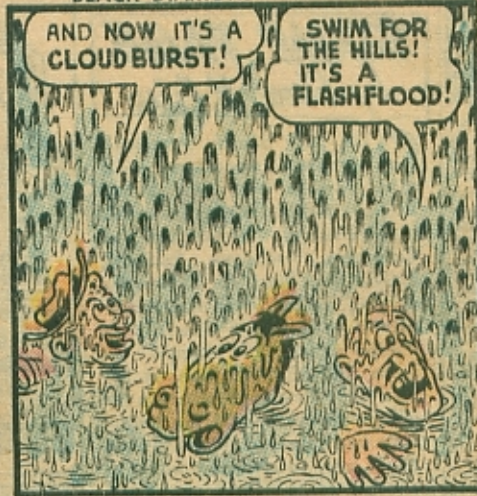
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Or can you blame the girl who confesses, "I hate to go out with a fellow who has blackheads. If he's careless about that you're sure he'll embarrass you in other ways, too!"

But you — are YOUR ears burning? Well, you've company and, sad to say, good company. There are lots of otherwise attractive fellows and girls who could date anyone they like if they'd only realize how offensive blackheads are... and how easily and quickly they could get rid of them... if they want to!

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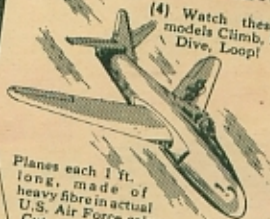
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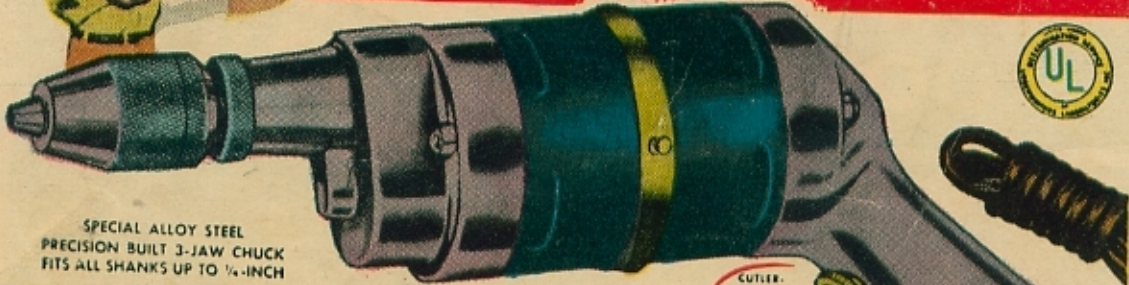
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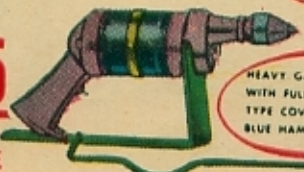
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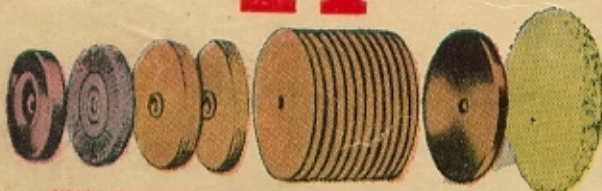
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